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Iowa

From the First White Settlements to 1908

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By HOWARD A. BURRELL

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Also Biographical Sketches of Some Prominent Citizens of the County

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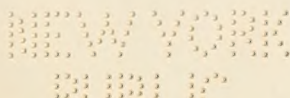
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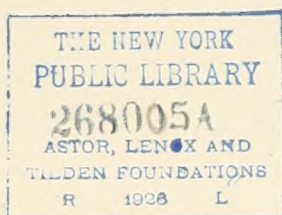
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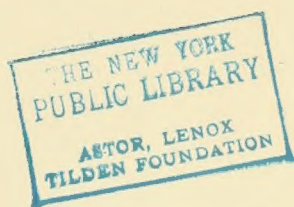
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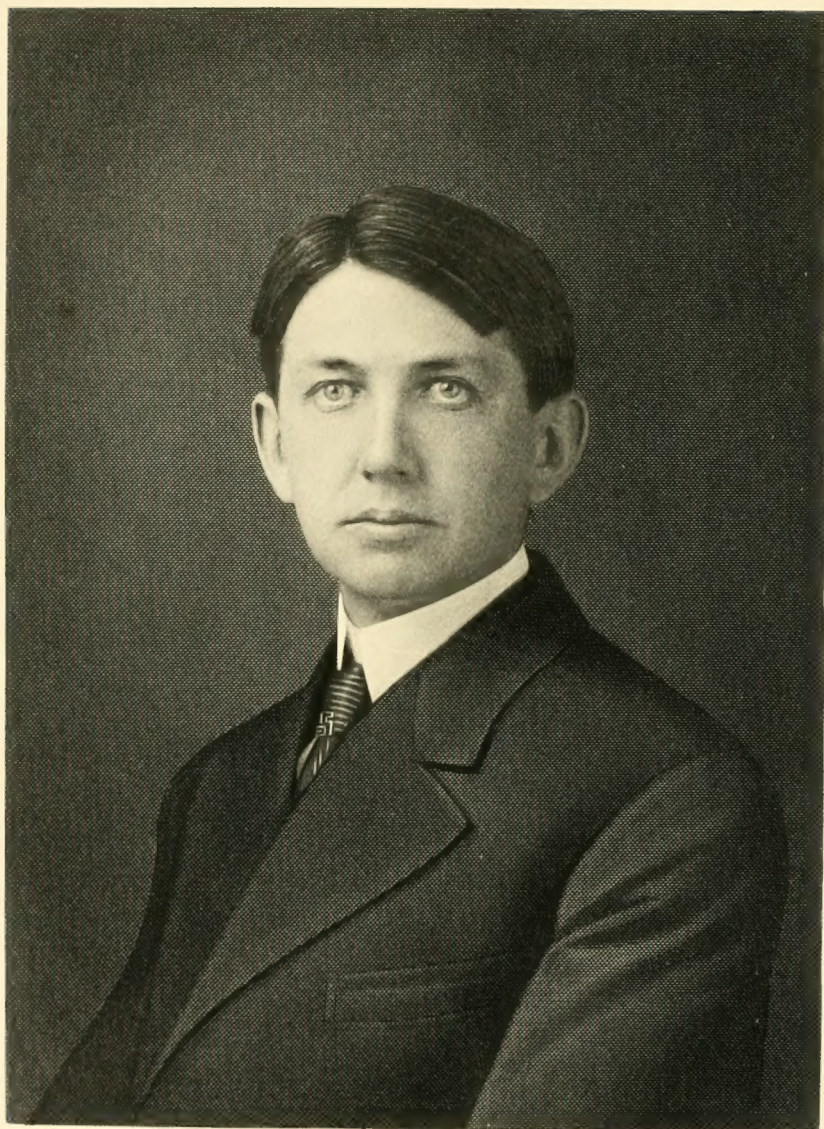






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## MARSH W. BAILEY.

While Marsh W. Bailey is primarily a lawyer—and by the consensus of public opinion a most able one—he is also recognized as one of the prominent republican leaders of southeastern Iowa and has left and is leaving the impress of his individuality upon the political history of this section of the state. He was born in Richmond, Iowa, March 9, 1870, and represents one of the old families of Washington county. The Baileys are of Scotch-Irish lineage.

Abraham Bailey, the grandfather of Marsh W. Bailey, was a native of Ohio and a farmer by occupation. He wedded Miss Mary Kirkpatrick and in an early day they came to Iowa, where Mr. Bailey entered two hundred acres of government land adjoining the village of Richmond. He was then identified with agricultural interests until his death, which occurred just prior to the Civil war. His widow survived him until about 1868.

They reared a large family including James Bailey who was born on the land his father had entered from the government, the place of his nativity being in English River township, Washington county. There he was reared to manhood on a farm and the occupation with which he became familiar during his boyhood he determined to make his life work. At different times he has bought and sold a number of farms in this county and for sometime was actively engaged in the work of the fields, but for the past twenty years has been a resident of Washington. At the time of the Civil war he espoused the Union cause, enlisting in the Thirteenth Iowa Regiment, while later he became a member of Company D, Thirtieth Iowa Infantry, serving for nearly four years in all. He was a non-commissioned officer, holding the rank of sergeant. He participated in the siege of Vicksburg, in the battles of Look-out Mountain, Kenesaw Mountain, Resaca and the Atlantic campaign, including the siege and capture of Atlanta. He also went with Sherman on the march to the sea and when the victorious northern troops marched through the streets of Washington in the grand review he was of the number, thus taking part in the closing pageant of the war. When hostilities were over he returned to his home in Washington county, Iowa, and again engaged in farming in English River township, being identified with agricultural pur-

suits in that and Jackson townships until he established his home in the city of Washington.

James Bailey was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Marsh, a daughter of Adam Marsh, who was a native of Pennsylvania and of German descent. He, too, followed the occupation of farming as a life work. He married a Miss Austin and they established their home in Washington county among the early settlers. Both passed away in Jackson township when well advanced in years, having reared a family of four sons and two daughters: William E.; James F.; Charles H.; Hannibal H.; Margaret, now Mrs. Bailey; and Victoria, who became the wife of Marion O'Laughlin. Unto Mr. and Mrs. James Bailey have been born two daughters: May, who died in infancy; and Ida M.

Marsh W. Bailey, the only son and the eldest of the family, was born on the same farm on which his father was born. He was reared upon the farm and attended the country schools at Pilotsburg, after which he continued his studies in Iowa City Academy, and later, at the Washington Academy, from which he was graduated with honors on the completion of the classical course in 1890. While in the academy he was a member of the Aurora Literary Society, and in connection with Charles W. McCleary, who has since died as a missionary in Africa, edited and published the *Acamedian*, a monthly literary magazine. He next entered the State University of Iowa at Iowa City and was graduated from the College of Liberal Arts in 1893. While a student in the university he was a member of the well known Zetagathian Literary Society, as well as one of the charter members of the McClain Chapter of the Phi Delta Phi fraternity. He was literary editor of the *Hawkeye*, the junior annual of the class of '93; and managing editor of the *S. U. I. Quill*, the literary magazine of the university. He also pursued the law course there and spent a year in the law libraries and courts of Des Moines. Well qualified for the practice of his profession he opened an office in Washington in the winter of 1894-5 and has for fifteen years been continuously engaged in practice, meeting with gratifying and well earned success. The liberal clientage accorded him is indicative of his ability which has placed him in the ranks of the foremost lawyers of this part of the state. He is strong and forceful in argument, clear and logical in his deductions and presents his cause cogently and convincingly.

Mr. Bailey has filled the office of city attorney of Washington for three terms and was county attorney for two terms. He was elected on the republican ticket, having been a staunch supporter of the party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. While still in the university he was a member of the American Republican College League which had for its object the overcoming of the free-trade teachings then so strong in so many colleges and universities. During the Harrison campaign he was vice president of the National League and had charge of its western headquarters, while the succeeding year he presided over the national convention at Louisville, Kentucky. He has been a delegate to the conventions of the party from township to national and has presided over all except the state and national. He was also a member of the executive committee of the Iowa League of the

Republican Clubs and acted as its secretary for a time. He was ward committeeman for years, was chairman of the county central committee and was a member of the sixth judicial district committee, while later he became congressional committeeman from this county. In 1904 he was a delegate to the republican national convention which nominated Theodore Roosevelt, and as a presidential elector from the first district of Iowa in 1908 he cast his ballot for William H. Taft. Perhaps no man in the district of his age has done more for the success of the republican party than Mr. Bailey and he has made many effective campaign addresses, presenting his arguments clearly and forcibly while the logic of his utterances appeals strongly to the thinking public.

On the 10th of April, 1900, Mr. Bailey was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Brown, a daughter of Henry A. and Anna (Barhydt) Brown. Mrs. Bailey was born in Burlington, this state, her parents coming from New York to Iowa and settling in that city in the '50s. Her paternal grandfather was a native of New York, where his wife, who bore the maiden name of Eunice Abel, was also born. They became residents of Burlington, where both passed away in advanced years. Their only son was Henry A. Brown who, following his removal to Burlington, became a manufacturer of and dealer in shoes. He is still connected with the shoe trade in Burlington and is regarded as one of the valued and representative business men of that city. He married Miss Anna Barhydt, also a native of New York, as were her parents. Her father was of Holland-Dutch descent. She was a sister of Theodore Wells Barhydt and traced her lineage back to the first Dutch schoolmaster of New Amsterdam. There were two daughters and a son in the family: Eleanor, the wife of A. F. Holmes, of Chicago; Mary E., now Mrs. Bailey; and Theodore Wells, who has just attained his majority. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Bailey have been born four children: Eleanor Louise, Henry Brown, Theodore Barhydt and Josephine Marsh. Mrs. Bailey is a member of the Presbyterian church and presides with gracious hospitality over her pleasant home.

Mr. Bailey is president of the Washington County Historical Society and chairman of the book committee of the Jane A. Chilcote free city library. He also belongs to the Iowa State Historical Society and to the American Historical Association. He is deeply interested in matters relating to history **and to the public welfare** and as a man of influence is contributing in no small measure to shaping the annals of this part of the state..

Mr. Bailey is very strongly attached to his profession; and few lawyers hew closer to the line of its ideals and ethics. He is a member of the Washington County, Iowa, and American Bar Associations, being a member of the executive committee of the Iowa association.

Progressive by impulse, yet conservative in advice and action, he has the trait of judicial temperament very highly developed. Few men can disarm their prejudices and weigh matters at arm's length without bias; but the lawyers recognize a marked ability in Mr. Bailey to do that very thing. In 1906 the Washington bar made him their candidate for judge of the district. He seemed to be the favorite candidate of the profession throughout the



district, but political considerations gave the prize to another. But whether it is along the line of judicial career his ability is sure to lead him along paths of the public service quite as much of the time as he will consent to take away from his profession.

Alert, enterprising and energetic he keeps abreast with the best thinking men of the age and with the movements of the times which are of vital importance to state and nation and his worth to the community is widely acknowledged.

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### ALEXANDER R. MILLER.

Alexander R. Miller, who according to the consensus of public opinion has measured up to the full standard of manhood in all of life's relations, is now editor of the Washington Democrat. He is well known in this part of the state where he has spent his entire life, being numbered among the native sons of Washington county, his birth having occurred in Marion township, February 6, 1865.

His parents, Peter P. and Barbara (Sommer) Miller, were both natives of Holmes county, Ohio, where they were reared. The former was a son of Moses P. Miller who was born in Pennsylvania. He became a farmer and was also prominent in the Mennonite church, becoming one of its clergymen and also a bishop of that denomination. He gave his services to the cause of Christianity without pay, and rode horseback over Indiana, organizing many churches. Who can measure the influence of such a life, characterized by self-sacrifice and by the utmost devotion to the work of promoting the moral and religious progress of the race? He died in Holmes county, Ohio, at the age of seventy-five years, while his wife, Mrs. Catharine (Miller) Miller, was about seventy years of age at the time of her demise. They were the parents of seven children who reached years of maturity: Sarah, who died unmarried; Jonathan; Maria, who died single; John; Mrs. Catharine Kauffman; Moses, living in Tuscarawas county, Ohio; and Peter P. The last named, the father of our subject, was reared on the home farm in his native county until fifteen years of age, when he became a stock drover and was thus employed for ten or twelve years. He came west with a partner, Philip Yoder, with five thousand head of sheep and located in Marion township, Washington county, Iowa, where he engaged in farming in 1863. He was married in this county in January of that year, the lady of his choice being Miss Barbara Sommer, a daughter of Joseph Sommer, who was a native of Pennsylvania and one of the early settlers of Holmes county, Ohio, where he accumulated considerable property. He came to Iowa with his family in 1853, driving across the country to Van Buren county, and located soon afterward in Washington county, his home being a refuge in pioneer times for all new-comers. He, too, was a Mennonite and was one of the founders of a church of that denomination in this county. He lived an active, useful and honorable life and was called to his reward in 1888 at the age of eighty

years. His wife, Mrs. Martha (Miller) Sommer, died in 1875 at the age of sixty-five years. They had a large family, namely: Catharine, the wife of Daniel Winter; Susan, the wife of Samuel Hagie; Lydia, who wedded Rev. Benjamin Eicher; Eve, the wife of Peter Goldsmith; Barbara, the wife of Peter P. Miller; Lucinda, who married John A. Rumble; Henry, residing at Wheatland, Wyoming; and Martha, the wife of G. W. Neff, of Wayland, Iowa.

As stated, Mr. and Mrs. Peter P. Miller were married in January, 1863, and at that time Mr. Miller purchased a small tract of land of twelve acres whereon he resided for five years, during which time he engaged in teaming and in gardening. Later he rented land for some years and eventually became the owner of one hundred and fifty-five acres, his industry and economy bringing him to a position of comfort. He died February 5, 1899, at the age of sixty years, while his wife survived until March 7, 1905, and passed away at the age of sixty-three years. Both were members of the Mennonite church and were laid to rest in Eicher cemetery in Marion township. Their family numbered five sons and two daughters: Alexander R., of this review; Caroline, who died at the age of forty years; Agnes; Joseph, of Wayland, Iowa; Stanley, editor of the Free Press, at Mount Pleasant, Iowa; John M., deceased; and Charles R., of Wayland, Iowa.

In taking up the personal history of Alexander R. Miller we present to our readers the life record of one who is widely known in Washington county, having spent his entire life within its borders. He was reared on the home farm, pursued his early education in the district schools and later attended the Eastern Iowa Normal School, at Columbus Junction, and the Washington Academy. He lived at home until twenty-five years of age, giving his attention to the work of the farm and also to school teaching, which profession he followed for ten years in the district and village schools—always in Washington county. He then read law with Dewey & Eicher, well known attorneys of Washington, and was admitted to the bar in 1892, but he did not follow the profession, and in 1893 became connected with journalism, purchasing a half interest from George G. Rodman in the Washington Democrat, thus becoming a partner of William N. Hood, with whom he was thus associated for five years. Mr. Hood was killed by the cars September 14, 1898, and that year Mr. Miller by purchase acquired the entire plant and has since conducted the paper alone. The Democrat was established in 1878 and its name indicates its political complexion. Mr. Miller has a fine plant, most modern in all of its equipment, and in addition to the publication of his paper, which is an attractive sheet and has a large circulation, he also conducts an extensive job-printing business.

On the 28th of May, 1895, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Miller to Miss Ola Babcock, a daughter of Nathan L. and Ophelia (Smith) Babcock. Mrs. Miller was born in this county while her father was a native of New York and her mother of Ohio. The former was a son of Stanton Babcock, a native of New York, and one of the honored pioneer residents of Washington county, Iowa. He married Thurza Babcock, whose surname was therefore not changed at the time of her marriage. Both lived to an

advanced age and their remains were interred in a cemetery of this county when they were called to their final rest. They had three children who reached mature years. The maternal grandfather of Mrs. Miller was a farmer by occupation. He married a Miss Rogers and they were early residents of Iowa where Mrs. Smith died at the age of thirty three years, her grave being made in Richmond. Mr. Smith afterward married again and died at an advanced age. By his first wife he had five daughters: Harriet, the wife of Adam Page; Ophelia, the wife of N. L. Babcock; Cora, the wife of Nial Van Sickle; Emma, the wife of Anthony Van Sickle of Washington; and Mrs. Elizabeth Canier, a widow.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Babcock became residents of Washington county at an early day and the father engaged in farming here. Espousing the cause of the Union at the time of the Civil war, he did active duty for two years in the Nineteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. For the past thirty years he and his wife have lived in Washington where he has been engaged in dealing in live stock. They were the parents of seven children, but only three are now living, Ola, John and Josephine. Of these the first named became Mrs. Miller, and by her marriage three children have been born, Joseph, Ophelia and Barbara, but the first named died in infancy.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Miller is a Mason, prominent in the order as a member of Washington Lodge, No. 26, A. F. & A. M.; Cyrus Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; and Bethlehem Commandery, No. 45, K. T. He is also affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America and his wife is a member of the Methodist church. His political allegiance is given to the democracy and that he is one of the prominent workers and foremost representatives of the party in this section of the state is indicated in the fact that he is now serving as a member of the state central committee from the first district. He also uses the columns of his paper to further the political interests in which he believes but is not bitterly aggressive in his attacks upon those holding opposing views. In fact his salient qualities are those which characterize progressive and honorable American manhood and throughout the state wherever known, he is regarded as a dynamic force in furthering the best interests of his native county.

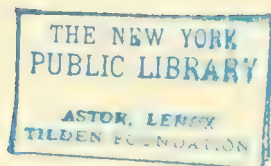
#### DANIEL A. FESLER.

Honored and respected by all, no man occupies a more enviable position in the commercial and financial circles of Riverside than does Daniel A. Fesler, who is the president and was one of the organizers of the Riverside Savings Bank. He is also one of the leading merchants of the town, where he is engaged in the conduct of a hardware store and farming implement business. His birth occurred in Johnson county, Iowa, April 27, 1850, his parents being Jacob and Mary (Slife) Fesler, the former a native of Ohio, and the latter of Virginia. They came to Johnson county, Iowa, with their respective parents and in this state attained their majority and were afterward married.





Truly Yours  
D. A. Foster



Jacob Fesler served throughout the Civil war as a member of the Twenty-second Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and following his return to the north, at the cessation of hostilities, he purchased a farm in Washington county about two miles north of Riverside. His attention was then given to general agricultural pursuits until about 1880 or 1882 when he took up his abode in the town and became connected with the grain trade, being prominently identified therewith for twelve years. He then put aside active business cares to live retired and spent his remaining days in the enjoyment of well earned rest, passing away in March, 1908, when in his eighty-first year. He had for sometime survived his wife who died in 1902 at the age of seventy-four years. He was a democrat in his political views, was a member of the old county board of supervisors, acting in that capacity at the time the new law was passed, reducing the number of the board from fifteen to three. He served in later years in the various township offices and was one of the influential men of this section.

Daniel A. Fesler was reared at home, acquiring his education in the common schools and in the Iowa State University at Iowa City, where he pursued a two years' course. He then took up teaching as a profession and followed that calling from 1871 until 1874, at which time he determined to adopt a mercantile career. Therefore, in 1874, he established a hardware and farm implement business and that he made wise choice of a field of labor is indicated in the success which has continuously been his up to the present time. He is today one of the best known merchants of northern part of Washington county and in point of years and continuous connection with business he is the pioneer merchant of Riverside, having been located here longer than any other man who is still associated with the commercial interests of the town. He has ever carried a well selected line of goods, his prices have been reasonable and his dealings fair and honorable and thus he has enjoyed from year to year a constantly increasing trade. In 1888 he became one of the leading factors in the organization of the Riverside Savings Bank, was made one of its directors and two years later was elected its president, in which capacity he continued until 1894 when on the death of Jesse Boyd, the cashier of the bank, Mr. Fesler was called on to succeed him in that capacity. He thus served until 1897 when he was again called to the presidency of the bank, in which position he has continued to act to the present time. As the chief executive officer he displays keen insight and a knowledge of when and where and how to best exercise his activities with the result that the bank has enjoyed continuous growth and is now numbered among the strong financial institutions of this part of the state.

In 1876 Mr. Fesler was married to Miss Mary Boyd, a daughter of Jesse Boyd, now deceased. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Fesler have been born six children: Zella, the wife of Linus Hirt, of Muscatine, Iowa; Ray A., who is associated with his father in his business enterprises; Jesse Guy, who is connected with them in business; Zetta E., who is in the music store which belongs to her father and her brother-in-law, Linus Hirt; and Ida V. and Lyle J., both at home. Mr. Fesler is a member of Riverside Lodge, No. 274, K. P., his political allegiance is given to the democracy and he has served as mayor of

Riverside for two years, while for several years he filled the office of township clerk. He is never neglectful of the duties of citizenship nor of the obligations which devolve upon him in any official or semi-official relation, while the record he has made in business places him in a prominent position in commercial and financial circles.

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### JAMES M. WILSON.

James M. Wilson is widely known as a breeder and raiser of Shorthorn cattle, being a prominent representative of the live stock interests of this section of the state. His landed possessions are also valuable, his home farm comprising two hundred and forty acres of rich and arable land. He has now traveled life's journey for seventy-six years, his birth having occurred in Licking county, Ohio, on the 4th of May, 1833. His parents were Robert and Elizabeth (Crawford) Wilson, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of County Down, Ireland. In her childhood days Elizabeth Crawford came to the new world with her parents, the year 1810 witnessing the emigration of the family, who chose Coshocton county, Ohio, as a place of residence. The parents of Robert Wilson removed from Pennsylvania to Muskingum county, Ohio, in 1817 and it was there that Robert Wilson and Elizabeth Crawford became acquainted and were married. They began their domestic life in Muskingum county, where they lived for eight years and then removed to Licking county, Ohio, where they resided until 1860. In that year they took up their abode upon a farm which Mr. Wilson owned in Knox county, Ohio, and to its further development and improvement he devoted his energies until his death, which occurred in 1874 when he was seventy-three years of age. His wife died in 1889 at the age of eighty-one years, having survived him for fifteen years. In his political views Robert Wilson was a stalwart democrat in early life but as the question of slavery became a paramount one he espoused the cause of freedom and in 1844 became affiliated with the abolitionists. Subsequently when the republican party was formed to prevent the further extension of slavery he joined its ranks and was ever afterward an ardent advocate of its principles. He served as township trustee and was also justice of the peace for a number of years, in which position his decisions were strictly fair and impartial, winning him golden opinions from all sorts of people. He was one of the most influential men in his section, leaving the impress of his individuality for good upon the public life of the community. Both he and his wife were consistent and faithful members of the United Presbyterian church, displaying in their lives the force of those doctrines which promulgate kindness, charity and helpfulness.

James M. Wilson, whose name introduces this review, was reared under the parental roof, accompanying his parents on their various removals in Ohio. He acquired his education in the common schools and in the Martinsburg College at Martinsburg, Ohio. Subsequently he engaged in teaching



school through eight or ten winter terms, while the summer months were devoted to work on the farm. Carefully saving his earnings, Mr. Wilson eventually was enabled to purchase property, investing in one hundred and sixty acres of land in Licking county, Ohio, in 1859. He then settled on that farm and with characteristic energy began to till the fields and improve the property. He made it his home until 1865, when he sold out and removed to Champaign county, Illinois, where he lived for three years. In 1868 he arrived in Washington county, Iowa, and purchased one hundred and sixty acres of his present farm, lying in Seventy-Six township. Upon this property he has since made his home with the exception of a short period of three years spent in Keota. In 1895 he purchased eighty acres adjoining his home farm, having in all two hundred and forty acres of rich and productive land which responds readily to the care and labor he bestows upon it. Here he breeds and raises shorthorn cattle and since 1901 has been feeding all of his grain. In his stock-raising interests he has been quite successful and is now numbered among the substantial farmers of the county.

In 1858 Mr. Wilson was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Saunders, of Licking county, Ohio, and unto them were born five children, of whom two are living: Jennie A., who is assistant principal of the Keota (Iowa) schools; and Robert O., living on the home farm. The wife and mother passed away in 1888 and in 1895 Mr. Wilson was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Randolph, who in her maidenhood was Miss Mary Reed, of Webster, Iowa.

Mr. Wilson exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day, so that he is ever able to support his position by intelligent argument. He served for twelve years as township trustee and his frequent re-election to that office is proof positive of the capability which he displayed in discharging his duties. He and his wife are devoted and faithful members of the United Presbyterian church, doing all in their power to promote its growth and Mr. Wilson has been an elder in the church for more than a quarter of a century. His integrity is above question and if there are mistakes in his life it is not a matter of intention. He has always endeavored to live peaceably with his fellowmen and to do right on all occasions and his record may well serve as an example for others.

### HORACE STEEL.

Horace Steel is now living retired in Riverside, having won a handsome competence through the careful conduct of his farming and stock-raising interests in former years. He was born in Delaware county, Indiana, on the 18th of December, 1835, his parents being Justin and Eliza A. (Pugsley) Steel, who were natives of Connecticut and Ohio respectively. In 1828 they took up their abode in Indiana, the mother passing away in that

state in 1838. Justin Steel came to Washington county, Iowa, in 1856, and entered a tract of land in Highland township, where he continued to reside until called to his final rest in 1891, at the age of ninety-one years. He had long been numbered among the most substantial and respected citizens of the community and his demise was the occasion of deep regret to all who knew him. Unto him and his wife were born five children, but the subject of this review is now the only surviving member of the family.

Horace Steel received only meager educational advantages in youth, his attendance at school being limited to nine months, but through reading, observation and experience he has learned many lessons of practical value and is a well informed man. He remained under the parental roof until he had attained the age of twenty two years and then began learning the miller's trade, working at that occupation for eighteen months. At the end of that time, on account of failing health, he abandoned the trade and secured employment as a farm hand, being thus engaged until 1861. Having carefully saved his earnings, he then purchased a farm in Highland township, in the cultivation and improvement of which he was busily engaged until the time of his retirement from active business life in 1904. In addition to raising the cereals best adapted to the soil and climate he also fed and shipped stock on an extensive scale, both branches of his business returning to him a gratifying annual income. He is now the owner of eight hundred and eighty acres of rich and productive land in Highland township and likewise has a tract of one hundred and fourteen acres in Iowa township. On putting aside the active work of the fields he purchased a commodious and attractive residence in Riverside, where he is now living retired in the enjoyment of the fruits of his well directed and profitable labor in former years. He was the organizer and is now the president of the Union Dale Telephone Company and is widely recognized as a most prosperous, enterprising and representative citizen.

On the 1st of June, 1862, Mr. Steel was united in marriage to Miss Elmira Green, whose birth occurred in Ohio, in 1841, her parents being Wilson and Emily (Frazy) Green, natives of Pennsylvania. In 1845 they removed to Jefferson county, Iowa, where the father bought a tract of land and built a log cabin. It was a primitive structure and characteristic of those pioneer times, having a clapboard roof, stick chimney and sod floor. Wilson Green was called to his final rest in 1856 and his wife, surviving him for more than four decades, passed away in 1898. Their family numbered seven children. Mr. and Mrs. Steel have also become the parents of seven children, the record of whom is as follows: Alonzo J., a resident of Mexico, Missouri; Fannie E., the wife of George Grecian, of Highland township, Washington county; Ira C. and Milo M., who make their home in this county; Charles B., who is deceased; Henry F., likewise a resident of Washington county; and Grace E., the wife of Alex McCreedy, of this county.

In his political views Mr. Steel is an unfaltering republican but the honors and emoluments of office have no attraction for him. His wife is a devoted member of the United Brethren church. His influence is ever on the side of right and improvement. Having resided in this county for more than

a half century, he is most widely and favorably known within its borders, while his many excellent traits of character have gained him the warm regard and esteem of all with whom he has been associated.

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### WILLIAM PORTER GARDNER, M. D.

Dr. William Porter Gardner is now living retired but his investments include bank stock and farm lands which are valuable and return to him a gratifying annual income. He is a man of resolute purpose, successfully accomplishing what he undertakes and as the years have gone by his intelligent appreciation and utilization of opportunity have brought him to the enviable position which he now fills in the life of Wellman and the county.

One of the native sons of Washington county he was born in Seventy-Six township, October 30, 1858. His father, Abel M. Gardner, was a native of Madison county, Ohio, his life covering the intervening days between the 24th of July, 1830, and the 30th of April, 1903. He was of German lineage and a farmer by occupation. Coming to Iowa in 1853 he located in Washington county and entered a tract of land in Seventy-Six township. With characteristic energy he began to develop the place which he converted into rich fields, remaining thereon until 1863 when he traded that property for a farm adjoining Lexington on the north. There he lived until 1891 when he retired from active business life and removed to the city of Washington, where he spent his remaining days, being called to the home beyond on the 30th of April, 1903. He was eminently successful as a farmer and stock-raiser, and when he retired, was in possession of a handsome competence. At the time of his death he owned over three hundred acres of Iowa's best farming land and derived therefrom a substantial annual income. He built a beautiful residence in Washington, where he spent the evening of his days in quiet and contentment for he could look back over the past without regret as he had made good use of his opportunities and in seeking his own success had wronged no man. He was a lifelong Methodist and for years was a steward and trustee of the church. In politics he was a staunch republican, but had no aspiration for office. A firm believer in the worth and advocacy of education, he gave all of his children ample opportunity to secure good mental development through the medium of schools and thus become equipped for life's practical and responsible duties. He was very charitable and a great lover of children, finding in their innocent prattle and sports a constant source of delight and interest. He was very firm in his convictions, his position ever being an unequivocal one and though men might differ from him in opinion they never questioned his honesty and ever respected his fidelity to his belief. He stood high in the esteem of his neighbors and friends and on the whole was a man of many admirable qualities of heart and mind. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Susan Martin, was born in Madison county, Ohio, July 15, 1829, and is now living with her son William. She is a lady of marked physical strength and vigor. Her

girlhood days were spent in the home of her father, William Martin, who was a farmer by occupation and in September, 1853, she gave her hand in marriage to Abel M. Gardner, coming to Iowa in a wagon on her wedding trip. She has been a lifelong member of the Methodist church and her Christian faith has been a dominating influence in her life. In the family were five children: Charles C., who is mentioned elsewhere in this volume; William P.; Mary Ellen, deceased; John, who died in infancy; and Frank P., a shoe merchant of Newton, Iowa.

Dr. Gardner, whose name introduces this record, was reared to farm life and in the country schools acquired his early education which was supplemented by study in the Washington Academy and State University of Iowa. He was graduated from the medical department of the latter institution on the 3d of March, 1886, and at once located for practice in Lexington. After a year's practice there, he removed to Wellman and enjoyed a growing patronage that made him one of the most successful physicians of the county through the years of his active connection with the profession there up to the time of his retirement, which occurred in August, 1906. He lives in a beautiful home in Wellman, enjoying the fruits of his years of honorable activity. He has valuable invested interests, owning farm lands in this county, a business block in Wellman and stock in the Wellman Savings Bank, of which he is a director, having thus been officially connected with the institution from the time of the organization of the bank.

On the 9th of September, 1886, Dr. Gardner was married to Miss Nettie Josephine Gassner, who was born in Birmingham, Iowa, December 21, 1861, a daughter of Joseph Gassner, who was a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church and died in 1889 at the age of seventy-seven years. He occupied pulpits in connection with the Iowa Conference for a long period and was well known in connection with the moral development of this section of the state. He married Harriet Housel, who was born in Pennsylvania and died in 1876 at the age of fifty-four years. They were the parents of eight children of whom Mrs. Gardner is the youngest. She was graduated from the Mount Pleasant high school in 1880 and the Iowa Wesleyan University, at Mount Pleasant in 1884. Dr. and Mrs. Gardner had three daughters: Susan Harriet, the eldest, born June 17, 1887, is a member of the junior class at Iowa Wesleyan University. She had graduated from the Wellman high school with the class of 1904 and from the Musical Conservatory of Iowa Wesleyan University in 1906 and is now pursuing a classical course there. Lavanda, born February 10, 1889, graduated from the Wellman high school with the class of 1905, and is a junior in Iowa Wesleyan University, and both daughters are members of the Pi Beta Phi sorority with which their mother became connected when she was a student in the same institution. Ellen, the youngest daughter, born September 15, 1898, is now attending the home schools. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Dr. Gardner belongs to the Masonic fraternity and both he and his wife are members of the Eastern Star. He is also connected with the Knights of Pythias and other fraternal organizations. He was at one time president of the Washington County Medical Society and occupied an honored place



in the ranks of the profession. In politics he has long been a staunch republican and has served as county coroner, as a member of the school board and of the town council. In these connections his work has been gratifying as an effective force in the advancement of the best interests of the community. While he stands today as a splendid representative of the prominent and successful business man and physician, his business interests were ever but one phase of life to him and have never excluded his active participation in and support of the other vital interests which go to make up human existence.

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### HIRAM WALLINGFORD, JR.

Hiram Wallingford, Jr., who is energetically and successfully engaged in farming and stock-raising on his farm of eighty acres in Jackson township, was born in Washington county, Iowa, on the 23d of December, 1859. His parents, Hiram and Eveline Wallingford, who were natives of Kentucky, came to Washington county in 1849, locating first in the city of Washington, where the father worked at the tailor's trade. Subsequently he conducted a general store and also served as sheriff of this county for one term, being elected on the whig ticket. In 1865 he enlisted for service in the Union army as a member of Company I, Eighteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, serving until honorably discharged at Little Rock, Arkansas, at the close of hostilities. On returning to this county he became identified with agricultural pursuits in Jackson township, where he continued to reside until called to his final rest on the 20th of June, 1894. His wife passed away on the 8th of January, 1905, and thus the community lost two of its most respected and esteemed early residents. Their family numbered nine children, namely: Susan J., who has followed the profession of teaching for thirty-two years and makes her home with her brother Hiram; Dulla A., deceased; Mary E., the wife of Joseph A. Hetherington, of Colorado; David H., who is a resident of Washington, Iowa; James, who has also passed away; Hiram, of this review; Sarah E., the wife of J. E. Glasgow, of Nebraska; one who died in infancy; and Clara O., the wife of C. K. Warren, of Henry county, Iowa.

Hiram Wallingford obtained his education in the common schools and remained under the parental roof until he had reached adult age. He then took charge of the old homestead farm of eighty acres in Jackson township and has since been engaged in its cultivation and improvement, also making a specialty of raising horses, cattle and hogs. He owns this place in association with his sister, Susan J., who lives with him and they are well known and highly esteemed throughout the community, while Mr. Wallingford is numbered among its progressive, prosperous and enterprising citizens.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Wallingford has cast his ballot in support of the men and measures of the democracy,

and is now serving his fellow townsmen in the capacity of school director, the cause of education finding in him a stalwart champion. Both he and his sister belong to the Presbyterian church, in the work of which they take an active and helpful interest. During the half century of his residence in Washington county, covering his entire life, he has so lived as to win the regard and friendship of all with whom he has been associated, having ever displayed those sterling traits of character which in every land and clime awaken admiration and respect.

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### COLONEL DAVID JAMES PALMER.

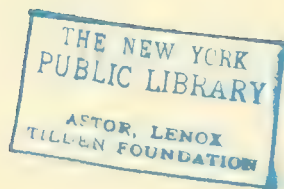
Colonel David James Palmer, whose long years of capable public service well entitle him to the high regard in which he is uniformly held, is now serving as state railway commissioner with residence in Washington, Iowa, but with office in Des Moines. He was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, November 15, 1839, and is of Irish lineage in both the paternal and maternal lines. His grandfather, James Palmer, was a native of the Emerald isle and was prominent in public life there. Coming to America he established his home in Washington county, Pennsylvania, and his last years were passed in Carroll county, Ohio, where he died when about seventy-five years of age. His wife, Mrs. Betty Palmer, also lived to an advanced age.

They were the parents of five children including Samuel Robert Palmer, who was born in County Armagh, Ireland, and in his youth was brought by his parents to the new world. He was a wagonmaker by trade, yet devoted the greater part of his life to agricultural pursuits. About 1843 he removed from Pennsylvania to Ohio and in 1856 became a resident of Iowa, settling in Washington township, Washington county, where he purchased eighty acres of land, to which he afterward added a tract of forty acres. As a companion and helpmate for life's journey he chose Miss Margaret Munce, who was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, and was a daughter of Joseph Munce. Her father was born in Ireland, but in early life became a resident of Washington county, Pennsylvania, where he followed the occupation of farming. He married a Miss Bradford, who died in middle life, while he reached his one hundred and first year. They were the parents of seven children, two sons and five daughters, including Margaret Munce, who, as stated, became the wife of Samuel Robert Palmer. From the time of their arrival in Washington county, Iowa, in 1856, they remained residents of this locality until called to their final rest, Mr. Palmer passing away in 1886 when about seventy-five years of age, while his wife survived until 1891 and was in her eightieth year at the time of her death. They were members of the United Presbyterian church and were earnest and consistent Christian people.

Their only child, Colonel David James Palmer, was reared in Ohio to the age of sixteen years, his youthful days being spent on the home farm there while in one of the log schoolhouses of the locality he pursued his education.



L. J. Palmer





He then came with his parents to this county and continued his studies in the Washington United Presbyterian College. When not occupied with the duties of the school-room his time was largely given to the development and cultivation of the home farm until, in response to the country's call for aid, he enlisted in July, 1861, becoming a member of Company C, Eighth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. Although he joined the army as a private in a month he was made a corporal. He served through the battle of Shiloh on the 6th of April, 1862, on which occasion he sustained a very severe wound and was taken to the hospital at Keokuk, Iowa, where he remained until the middle of June, when he was granted a furlough and returned home although yet unable to walk. He became convalescent in July and began recruiting a company in response to the call for three hundred thousand troops that came in that month. He then returned to the front as captain of Company A, Twenty-fifth Iowa Volunteer Infantry on the 1st of September, 1862. They reported first at Helena, Arkansas, and were in Grant's first expedition up the Yazoo in Sherman's Fifteenth Army Corps. Captain Palmer with his command also participated in the siege of Vicksburg until its surrender, was at the capture of Arkansas Post and in the battles of Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge, Resaca and Dallas. As the Union troops advanced toward Atlanta he also participated in the engagement at Big Shanty, Kenesaw Mountain and Marietta and in the final investment of Atlanta and its capture. After the march to the sea Captain Palmer also participated in the campaign in the Carolinas and was with the First Brigade, First Division (Stone's Iowa Brigade) with the Fifteenth Army Corps at Columbia, South Carolina. From that point they turned northward toward Raleigh, where Johnston and Sherman negotiated peace terms, and then marched on to Washington by way of Petersburg and Richmond, passing the grave of George Washington at Mount Vernon, and participated in the grand review at the national capital. There Colonel Palmer and his men were mustered out, returning to Iowa to receive their pay. In the meantime he had been promoted on the 9th of June, 1863, to the rank of lieutenant colonel. He was ever a brave and fearless officer, his own loyalty inspiring his men to deeds of valor. On the 11th of January, 1863, he was wounded in the left foot at Arkansas Post, and was also slightly wounded in the left knee at Ringgold Station or Taylor's Ridge.

When the war was over Colonel Palmer resumed agricultural pursuits on his father's old home farm in Washington county, giving several years to that work, but in 1876 was called to public office, having been elected county auditor, which position he creditably filled for four years. In 1892 he was once more called to serve in an official capacity, representing the tenth senatorial district composed of Henry and Washington counties in the general assembly from 1892 until 1898. During that period his record was at all times an embodiment of prompt, faithful and commendable service, in which he labored for the interests of his constituents and for the welfare of the state at large. He was connected with considerable constructive legislation and served on a number of important committees. In 1898 he received the appointment of railroad commissioner from Governor Leslie M. Shaw, and

three times since has been chosen to the office. He is a stalwart republican, supporting the party which was the defense of the Union in the dark days of the Civil war, and has always been the party of practical reform and substantial progress.

On the 25th of October, 1866, Mr. Palmer was married to Miss Letitia Helen Young, a native of Kentucky and a daughter of James Harvey and Margaret M. (Henry) Young. Colonel Palmer and his wife are members of the Second United Presbyterian church and he belongs also to I. G. White Post, No. 108, G. A. R. He is one of the past department commanders of Iowa and also belongs to the Iowa Commandery of the Loyal Legion. A resident of the county since 1850, in the years which have come and gone since his arrival, he has proven ever a loyal citizen devoted to general progress and cooperating in many tangible and substantial ways to those things which relate to local advancement and national welfare. He is a broad-minded, public-spirited man, who has long wielded a wide influence.

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#### GEORGE MOOTHART.

George Moothart was for some time identified with industrial interests, although for a considerable period he has concentrated his energies upon general agricultural pursuits. He is now engaged in farming in Cedar township, having eighty acres of land on section 8. He was born in Clarion county, Pennsylvania, February 4, 1848, and is a son of Solomon and Esther (Moore) Moothart, who were likewise natives of the Keystone state. In the year 1865 they came to Iowa and in 1868 took up their abode upon the farm where the subject of this review now lives. The father then devoted his time and energies to general agricultural pursuits, giving his attention throughout the remainder of his life to the further development and improvement of this place. He died in the year 1890, having for a few years survived his wife, who passed away in 1886. They were the parents of thirteen children, but only four are now living: Edwin, a resident of O'Brien county, Iowa; George, of this review; Lydia, who makes her home with her father George; and Sarah, the wife of John V. Hoeford, of Cedar township.

George Moothart was reared in the usual manner of farm lads and remained at home until twenty-five years of age. His father trained him in the work of the fields, while his intellectual training was received in the common schools. At length, however, he believed he would find other pursuits more congenial and profitable than farming, and took up the painter's trade, which he followed for three years in Washington. On the expiration of that period he learned carpentering and was employed in that way for about twelve years. After his father's death he purchased the home farm, whereon he now resides and is today the owner of eighty acres on section 8, Cedar township. This is a good property, the soil of which is carefully tilled, as he produces the crops best adapted to climatic conditions here.

Year by year he labors earnestly and persistently in the further development of the place and is now one of the substantial agriculturists of the community. His political views are an endorsement of the republican principles and he has served as school director for several years, but otherwise has never sought nor desired office, for his business affairs make full claim upon his time and attention and in the conduct of his interests he is nearing the goal of prosperity.

### CONRAD LINS.

From the fatherland have come many thrifty and enterprising agriculturists to this state, among them being Conrad Lins, whose birth occurred in Corhessen, Germany, now Prussia, August 16, 1833, a son of John and Elizabeth (Andreas) Lins. His father remained in his native land, where he followed farming until his death in 1886, and his mother also stayed within the borders of her own country, where she entered into rest. They reared a family of three children: Conrad; Gertrude, who departed this life in her seventh year; and Margaret Elizabeth, who resides in Germany.

On the farm operated by his father, Conrad Lins was reared, acquiring his education in the government schools during his boyhood, and with his parents he lived until he was twenty years of age. Hearing of the opportunities afforded in the United States along all lines, he then embarked for this country, and after a voyage of forty-six days arrived in New York city. He proceeded at once to New Brunswick, New Jersey, where he stayed for a short time and then went to Butler county, Pennsylvania. There he engaged in farming for eleven years and, deciding to come west, he reached Washington county, Iowa, April 6, 1865, and located in Washington township, where he purchased the land upon which he now resides. It contains one hundred and sixty acres of land, all of which is highly improved, and his premises being provided with substantial buildings and his grounds being well kept and in fine condition, his farm is one of the most desirable in the county. In his early life Mr. Lins dealt in live stock on a large scale and acquired quite a reputation as a breeder of blooded cattle and Percheron horses, but for several years past he has devoted his attention exclusively to producing general crops.

In 1858 Mr. Lins wedded Miss Mary A. Scheidemantel, a native of Germany, born May 19, 1838, who came to the United States in 1848 with her parents, locating in Butler county, Pennsylvania. To this marriage were born ten children, namely: Edward N., who died at the age of seventeen years; Margaret E., wife of Frank Shanefelt, of Estherville, Iowa; Caroline L., who died at the age of seven years; Lucy, wife of D. C. Wells, a painter and paper-hanger of Estherville, Iowa; Mary, who is a trained nurse residing at home; George J., at home; C. W. and Edwin R., both of whom are engaged in farming in Washington township; Leta, wife of Dr. Cadwallader, a general practitioner of Millersburg, Iowa; and Lavina, at home.

Mr. Lins gives his support to the republican party, and during his active career, having taken considerable interest in local affairs, he has served as school director and has also held the office of township treasurer of school funds since 1878. He is a charter member of the Iowa Legion of Honor, meeting with the lodge at the town of Washington. At the age of fourteen years he united with the German Reformed church in Germany, and Mrs. Lins united with the German Lutheran church while residing in Pennsylvania, at the age of sixteen, but they now attend the Baptist church, to which he is a liberal contributor. His conduct has always been such as to command the respect and confidence of his neighbors, and in every particular he deserves mention as a substantial farmer and representative citizen of the township.

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### JOHN CHRISTIAN BAUER.

John Christian Bauer, who is turning his energies to cultivating the soil in Franklin township, Washington county, is a native of Germany, and is possessed of all the admirable quality of industry together with all the characteristics common to his race and these have enabled him throughout his career here to surround himself with prosperity and establish himself on an excellent farm which, on account of the attention he has given to it, is one of the most desirable tracts of land in the county.

His birth occurred April 19, 1867, and he is a son of John J. and Mary (Genkinger) Bauer, both of whom are natives of Germany and came to the new world about the year 1888, locating in Franklin township, this county, where the father still resides, enjoying a high measure of health and vigor. Here he has devoted his entire time and attention to the pursuit of agriculture although, while he was still a resident of his native land, being a shoemaker by trade, he followed that occupation. Upon coming to this country, he gave up shoemaking, engaging in it only to the extent of supplying the needs of his immediate family. His wife departed this life here in 1899. To them were born six children, namely: Carolina, the wife of George Hartman, residing in Jefferson county; John Christian; Carl, deceased; Ernest Fred, a prosperous agriculturist of Franklin township; Lou, who operates a large farm in Cedar township; and Mary, the wife of F. H. Ross, who is engaged in farming in Franklin township.

In his native land John Christian Bauer acquired his education and when eighteen years of age, upon learning of the greater opportunities offered in the new world for ambitious young men, he came to the United States in 1885, locating in Washington township, this county, where he remained for a brief period and then went to Franklin township, where he was engaged in farming on monthly wages, in the meantime completing a commercial course in a business college. Having finished his education, he commenced farming in Franklin township in 1892, and has since met with success, now owning one hundred and sixty acres of land, upon which he has erected a fine



dwelling house. His farm is provided with all conveniences with which to carry on his occupation to the best advantage. Desiring to pursue agricultural upon modern methods he pays much attention to his soil, making a study of crops and their rotation and as a consequence his harvests are all that could be desired. Aside from engaging in general farming he makes a specialty of stock-feeding, which has become the most lucrative department of his business.

In 1892 the marriage of Mr. Bauer and Miss Ada Victorine Davis was celebrated. She is a native of Franklin township, and has become the mother of five children: Bessie, whose birth occurred December 10, 1892; Ralph, born April 20, 1895; Margaret, born September 14, 1898; Roy, born July 25, 1900; and Carlton, whose birth occurred on January 13, 1907.

While Mr. Bauer is not an aspirant for public office he takes a deep interest in political issues and is a loyal supporter of the republican party. Interested in local affairs, he has served four years as township assessor and for two years as township trustee and is a member of the school board. His fraternal affiliations are with the Knights of Pythias meeting at West Chester, and in his lodge he is the keeper of the record and seal. He and his family attend the Methodist Episcopal church. He is an estimable citizen, an industrious and enterprising farmer and is accounted among the worthy men of his township.

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### ISAIAH OLDFIELD.

Isaiah Oldfield is numbered among the native sons of Washington county and his record is one which reflects credit upon the community in which he has long lived. He has never sought to figure prominently in public life, but in business affairs has been reliable and has manifested the spirit of advancement in all things. He was born on the 22d of November, 1858, and is a son of Paul and Rebecca Oldfield. His youthful days were spent in his parents' home, his time being divided between the work of the school-room, the pleasures of the playground and the duties of the fields. He acquired a common school education and after he had attained his majority started out in life on his own account by renting land. He thus carried on farming for himself for five years, on the expiration of which period he purchased his present farm of one hundred and twenty acres of rich and productive land on section 5, Cedar township. This he has greatly improved, equipping it with all the accessories and conveniences of a model farm. He makes a specialty of raising stock and has good grades of horses, cattle and hogs upon his place.

Pleasantly situated in his home life, Mr. Oldfield was married in 1887 to Miss Irena Rickey, a daughter of Reuben and Ruth (Ayers) Rickey. This union has been blessed with two children: L. E., who is a graduate of the Wellman high school and is now at home; and C. R., who is a pupil in the Wellman high school. The parents are faithful members of the Methodist

Episcopal church and cooperate actively in its work and contribute generously to its support. Mr. Oldfield votes with the republican party, thus manifesting his interest in the political questions and issues of the day. He has served as township trustee and as school director for seven or eight years and is interested in all that pertains to public progress. Socially he is connected with the Odd Fellows Lodge, No. 92, at Wellman, and his support is given to the various movements that contribute to the material, intellectual, social and moral welfare of the community. He is now one of the substantial farmers of Cedar township and the salient features in his life are such as commend him to the confidence, trust and good will of his fellowmen.

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### ORVILLE ELDER.

Orville Elder is the publisher of the Evening Journal of Washington. He was born in Mercer county, Illinois, October 13, 1866, and is a son of David Clark and Samantha Jane (Curry) Elder, natives of Ohio and Iowa respectively. The former was a son of David Elder who was born in Pennsylvania and was of Scotch and Swiss descent. He devoted his life to the occupation of farming and thus provided for his family. He married Isabel Ray, and died in Alexis, Illinois, at the age of eighty-six years. The children of this family were John J., William, Rebecca, Margaret, David Clark, Alonzo and James.

Reared to the occupation of farming David Clark Elder chose that pursuit as a life work. At an early day he removed westward to Warren county, Illinois, and in the early '60s came to Washington, Iowa, and attended the college here. He was married in Washington to Miss Samantha Jane Curry, whose father died in early manhood. Her mother bore the maiden name of Jane Mitchell and by her marriage became the mother of three daughters, the sisters of Mrs. Elder being Margaret and Mary Curry. At the time of the Civil war David Clark Elder attempted to enlist in an Iowa regiment, but being rejected went to Illinois where he joined Company B, Eighty-third Illinois Volunteer Infantry, with which he served as a private for three years. During much of the time he was at Fort Donelson, being a prisoner of war a part of that time. When hostilities had ceased he returned to Warren county, Illinois, where he resided until 1884 and then established his permanent residence in Washington, Iowa, where his death occurred in 1900 when he was sixty-four years of age. His widow still survives and makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Harry McCall. She is a member of the Presbyterian church to which Mr. Elder also belonged. Unto them were born two sons and four daughters: Helen, the wife of Albert Peterson, of Govan, Saskatchewan; Orville; Arthur A., of Ogden, Utah; Leanna, the wife of Harry McCall, of Washington, Iowa; Grace, who wedded C. C. Lewis of Carlsbad, New Mexico; and Pearl, the wife of John W. Lewis, also of Carlsbad.

Orville Elder acquired his education in Illinois and remained a resident of that state until about eighteen years of age, when he came to Washington where he remained for three years. He next spent a similar period in Denver, Colorado, after which he returned to this city and for six years was engaged in the grocery business. Retiring from commercial lines he purchased the Evening Journal which he has continuously published to the present time. It is an independent daily paper, having a large local circulation. He has a well equipped plant, and in connection with the publication of the paper conducts a general job printing business, employing twelve people. He is likewise one of the directors of the Washington Telephone Company.

On the 4th of April, 1907, Mr. Elder was married to Miss Carolyn L. Rall, a daughter of Rev. Otto and Anna (Steiner) Rall. Her father was a native of Germany, and her mother of Andeer, Switzerland. On coming to America they settled in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and many years ago arrived in Iowa, where Mr. Rall served pastorates in various Iowa towns. The Rev. Mr. Rall met his death through accident, being struck by a locomotive when in middle life. He was a minister of the German Evangelical Association and his influence was of no restricted order, his labors proving a potent force in the upbuilding of his denomination. His wife survived him for several years. They were the parents of seven sons and two daughters: Rev. Frank Rall, of Baltimore, Maryland; Fred, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; William A., of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Charles R., of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; Anna, the wife of William Nuhn, residing in Cedar Falls; Dr. George Rall, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; Professor Edward E. Rall, of Austin, Texas; Carolyn, the wife of Orville Elder; and Robert, of Pittsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Elder are widely and prominently known socially and are valued members of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Elder belongs to Washington Lodge, No. 26, A. F. & A. M.; Cyrus Chapter, No. 13, R. A. M.; and the Orion Lodge, K. P. Politically he is a republican.

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### JOHN HORNING.

A good farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 15, Seventy-Six township, pays tribute to the care and labor of Mr. Horning, who is numbered among the representative practical and progressive farmers of this county. He was born in Keokuk county, Iowa, August 30, 1858, and is a son of Martin and Mary (Blatmer) Horning. The mother was a native of Germany, but in early life became a resident of Iowa. The father, a native of Pennsylvania, removed westward to this state and is still living in Keokuk county, Iowa, but his wife passed away November 16, 1902. They were the parents of seven children: Louisa, the wife of A. M. Clingan, a resident of Keokuk county, Iowa; John, of this review; William, who makes his home in Seventy-Six township; Henry, who carries on general farming in Cedar township; Christ, also a resident of Washington county; Mary, the wife

of Harman Brining, living in Jackson township; and George, who is deceased.

No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for John Horning in his boyhood and youth. He worked at home until he had attained his majority, and in the meantime he acquired his education through the improvement of such opportunities as the public schools afforded. He started out in life on his own account as a farm hand and worked in that way for fourteen years, during which time he carefully saved his earnings and then joined his brother William in the purchase of one hundred and sixty acres of good land in Seventy-Six township. They carried on farming in partnership upon that tract until 1895, when John Horning sold his interest to his brother and purchased his present farm, comprising one hundred and sixty acres on section 15, of the same township. His fields are well tilled and bring forth rich harvests. The farm presents a most neat and attractive appearance. He also makes a specialty of raising and feeding hogs and sells a large number annually, so that his yearly income is greatly augmented thereby. He is recognized as a business man of keen discernment and unfaltering energy whose success has come as the direct reward of earnest and persistent labor.

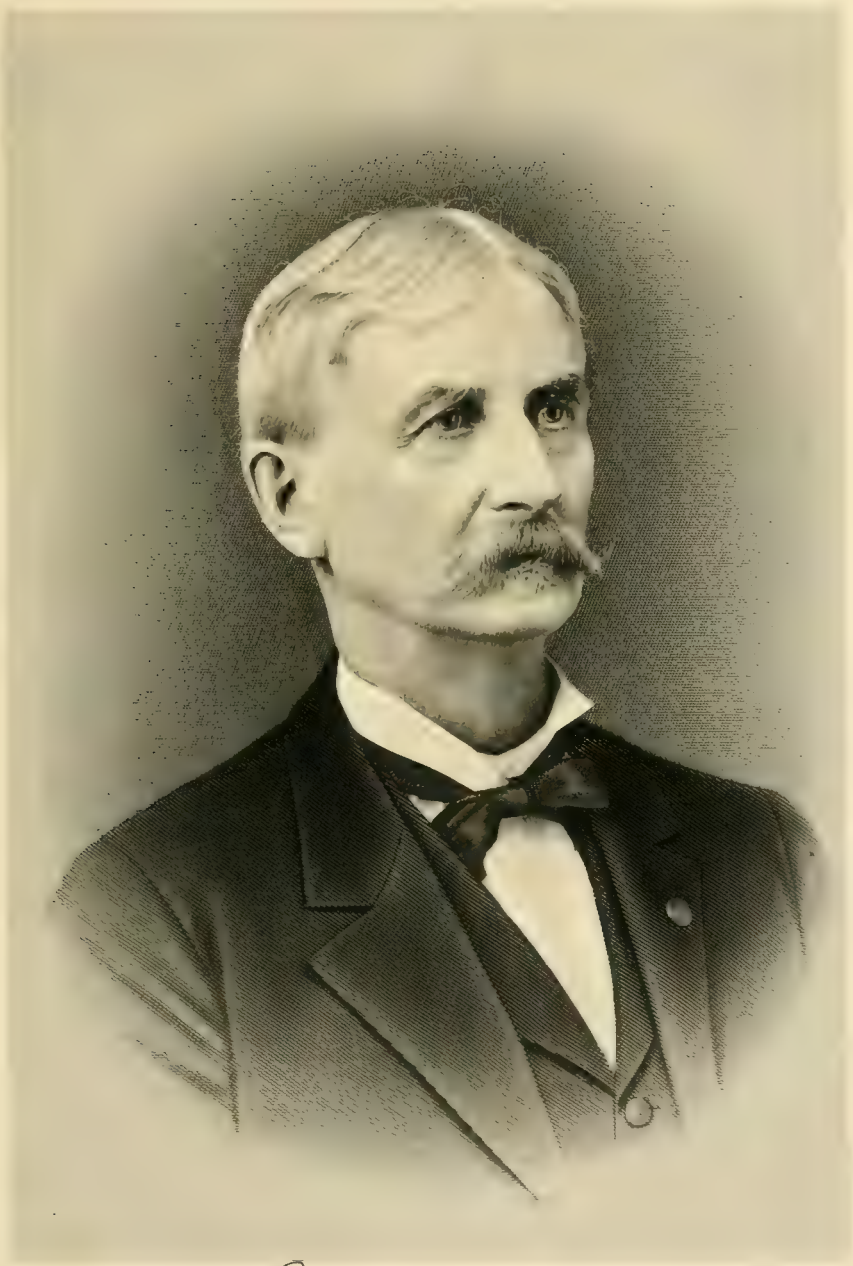
On the 13th of March, 1907, Mr. Horning was united in marriage to Miss Nellie De Long, a native of Cedar township, this county. The marriage has been blessed with an interesting little daughter, Mabel Marie. The parents are both members of the Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Horning gives his political allegiance to the democratic party, but has never aspired to or desired office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs. He forms his plans readily, is determined in their execution and as the years have passed he has won that prosperity which is the direct and merited reward of earnest, persistent labor.

#### HON. JOHN ALEXANDER YOUNG.

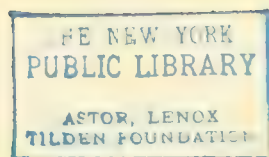
Hon. John Alexander Young, who since 1843 has resided in Washington county, has devoted his life to agricultural pursuits and banking, having for the past thirty years acted as cashier of the Washington National Bank. He has, moreover, been active in public affairs shaping the political history of the state, representing his district in the upper house of the general assembly. His salient characteristics are those of honorable manhood and progressive citizenship, combined with an unfaltering allegiance to the duties and obligations which each day brings. He was born in Rush county, Indiana, July 29, 1838.

His grandfather, Alexander Young, was a native of Pennsylvania and one of the early settlers of Flemingsburg, Kentucky, where he was married. Later he removed to Indiana and in 1848 came to Iowa, his last days being spent near Lexingeon, in Washington county, where he died when about seventy-five years of age. On the day of his death he rode on horseback from





*John Alex. Young*



his home to the polling place and voted for Abraham Lincoln, passing away on the succeeding evening. He had served his country as a soldier in the war of 1812 and was also a progressive citizen, giving practical aid in the work of general improvement and progress as this county was converted from a frontier district into one of the splendidly developed counties of the commonwealth. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Ricketts, passed away when about eighty-two years of age.

Their son, James N. Young, was born in Flemingsburg, Kentucky, and during boyhood accompanied his parents on their removal to Rush county, Indiana. In early manhood he engaged in clerking and in teaching in the public schools. The remainder of his life was devoted to farming. In Rush county, Indiana, he wedded Sallie Eyestone, a daughter of John Eyestone, who was a native of Ohio and removed to Indiana during the pioneer epoch in its history. In that state he followed merchandising for a number of years and eventually took up his abode in Washington county, Iowa, where he engaged in farming. Both he and his wife, Mrs. Alice (Armstrong) Eyestone, lived to an advanced age and reared a large family, including their daughter Sallie, who became the wife of James N. Young. She was a native of Ohio and went to Indiana in her girlhood with her parents and was there married. They became the parents of two children, the younger being James Harvey Young, who was killed in the battle of Shiloh. The wife and mother died in October, 1840, when less than twenty years of age. She was a consistent member of the Methodist church and her many excellent traits of heart and mind endeared her to all who knew her. Mr. Young also held membership in the Methodist church. Following the death of his first wife he wedded Martha J. Combs, and there were fifteen children born of that union, of whom nine are yet living: Elizabeth, the wife of H. H. Beaty of Elk county, Kansas; Samuel P., of Eureka, Kansas; Edward A., of Carthage, Missouri; Fletcher, of Elk county, Kansas; Jennie, the wife of William Burt, also of Elk county, Kansas; Riley and Robert, both of Elk county, Kansas; George, of Idaho; and Flournoy, residing in Elk county, Kansas. Ida, deceased, became the wife of a Mr. Haines. The others died in early life.

Following his second marriage James N. Young came with his family to Washington county, Iowa, casting in his lot among the pioneer settlers. He located in Cedar township and secured two hundred and sixty-seven acres of government land, of which two hundred acres were prairie on which not a furrow had been turned nor an improvement made. He built a hewed log house, in which the family were soon comfortably installed, although there were many hardships and privations incident to pioneer life to be met. Their home was the farthest out on the prairie from the timber. It was not deemed wise at that time to take up prairie land as the value of it was not known, but the years proved the wisdom of the settlers who did so, for in all the country there is no richer soil than the Iowa prairies and no state in a similar area produces as large crops of some of our chief cereals. As time passed and Mr. Young prospered in his undertakings he erected new buildings, made substantial improvements upon his farm and developed one of the

fine properties of the locality, making his home thereon for a little more than thirty years, or until 1873, when he lost heavily by going security for friends. He then removed to Elk county, Kansas, and started anew on the wild prairies, again meeting all of the conditions of pioneer life in the effort to retrieve his lost position. In this he was successful, accumulating a competency for old age, and his last years were spent in Howard, Kansas, where he reached the age of eighty-two years, lacking one month. His second wife died a week later. Mr. Young is well remembered by many of the citizens of Washington county as a man who in all of life's relations enjoyed and merited the respect and good will of his fellow citizens. He held various township offices and in the winter of 1854-55 was representative from Washington and Louisa counties in the Iowa legislature, the capital being then at Iowa City. Washington county owes him much for his efforts in her behalf, which were always far-reaching and beneficial.

John A. Young, whose name introduces this record, was reared on his father's farm in Washington county, arriving here in 1843 when a little lad of five years. His early education was obtained in the subscription and district schools, while later he enjoyed the benefit of three years' instruction in the Iowa Wesleyan University at Mount Pleasant. He made good use of his opportunities and when nineteen years of age began teaching school, which profession he followed for four years. He then married and located on a farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Cedar township, which he improved and made his home until the winter of 1871. As the years passed he brought his fields under a high state of cultivation, using the latest improved machinery to facilitate his work, and the value of his labor was manifest in the excellent crops which he produced.

Leaving the farm to take up other lines of business activity, Mr. Young removed to Washington on the 1st of December, 1871, having been elected county auditor, in which position he served for two years. On retiring from that office he became assistant cashier of the Washington National Bank on the 27th of January, 1874, and on the 1st of July, 1878, he became cashier, which position he has filled for more than thirty years. He stands as one of the foremost representatives of financial interests in this part of the state, thoroughly acquainted with banking in every particular, ever watchful of the interests of his patrons and at the same time winning success for the institution through his capable management and keen business discernment. His life work has at all times been creditable and in no business transaction has he ever been known to take advantage of the necessities of his fellowmen. In fact, he sustains an unassailable reputation for business integrity and is honored and respected wherever known and most of all where best known.

That his fellow citizens have faith in him is indicated by the fact that he was elected to represent the tenth district in the state senate where he served through three sessions, giving to each question which came up for settlement thoughtful and earnest consideration. He was one of the active working members of the upper house and was actuated in all that he did by a sincere desire to promote the interests of the commonwealth. He was also the chairman of the Chattanooga-Iowa monument commission for seven years



Long before this Mr. Young had given substantial proof of his loyalty to his country, the only interruption to an active business career occurring in 1862 when, on the 19th of August, he responded to the country's call for military aid and enlisted as a private of Company A, Twenty-fifth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. With this command he served until honorably discharged on the 6th of June, 1865, the regiment disbanding on the 15th of the same month. On the organization of the company he was elected second lieutenant and in June, 1863, was promoted to first lieutenant, while a year later he was made captain of his company. He was slightly wounded at Arkansas Post in January, 1863, and again sustained slight injuries at Ringgold, Georgia, in the same year. At Resaca, on the 15th of May, 1864, he was seriously wounded in the head. During his connection with the army he participated in a number of hotly contested battles, including the engagement at Chickasaw Bayou, Arkansas Post, the entire siege of Vicksburg, Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge, Ringgold and the engagements of the Atlanta campaign, followed by the celebrated march under Sherman to the sea and then northward from Savannah, Georgia, through the Carolinas. At Columbia in February, 1865, his company, under his orders, saved the hospital buildings (the Columbia College buildings which were then used for hospital buildings) from destruction by fire, while the city was burning. The buildings at the time contained about one hundred and eighty ill and wounded soldiers, most of whom were Confederates. His broad humanitarianism, however, prompted him to do this work, knowing that the inmates were unable to make their escape because of illness or wounds. Captain Young likewise participated in the battle of Bentonville in March, 1865, after which the Union troops followed Johnston's army to a point near Raleigh and there remained until peace was declared, word reaching them at Goldsboro of Lee's surrender at Appomattox. Captain Young was also with the victorious army that marched through the streets of the capital city, cheered by countless thousands who thus welcomed the northern troops, while over Pennsylvania avenue was suspended a broad banner, bearing the words: "The only debt which the country owes that she cannot pay is the debt that she owes to her soldiers." When the war was over Captain Young resumed the duties of civil life, although he was not able to engage actively in the work of the farm for but a few years, owing to the serious consequences of his wounds.

At the close of hostilities he gladly returned to his family. He had been married on the 4th of October, 1860, to Miss Elizabeth A. Runyan, a daughter of Micajah D. and Elizabeth (Argo) Runyan, who were early settlers of Jefferson county, Ohio, where the birth of Mrs. Young occurred. By her marriage she became the mother of three children. Ella Annette became the wife of A. W. Hall, of Colfax, Iowa, and the mother of five children, Fred Y., James N., Harvey W., Dorothy E. and Marjorie. John Wilbur, the first born son, died in infancy. Harvey S., now cashier of the Winfield State Bank at Winfield, Iowa, married Louise E. Parmalee, and they have three children, Hoyt R., Helen and Ruth.

Captain and Mrs. Young hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and occupy a prominent position in social circles where intelligence and true worth are regarded as essential attributes to congeniality. Mr. Young belongs to I. G. White Post, No. 108, G. A. R., and thus maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades. In his political views he has always been a republican since the organization of the party, never failing to support its candidates at the polls. He served as mayor of Washington in 1879 and 1880. In a review of his life it will be seen that his salient characteristics which have led him to prominence are such as any might cultivate, consisting of activity and reliability in business, loyalty in military and political service and the just recognition at all times of the rights of others. Such a man cannot fail to enjoy the confidence, good will and honor of his fellowmen.

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#### R. H. CARR.

R. H. Carr, successfully conducting a livery stable in Wellman, is one of Iowa's native sons, his birth having occurred in Lime Creek township on the 17th of February, 1868. His father, I. N. Carr, a native of New York, is a veteran of the Civil war and is now living retired after many years of active connection with the business interests of Iowa. At the early age of fourteen years he was thrown upon his own resources for a livelihood, but through unfaltering energy and indefatigable perseverance he worked his way upward in the business world to a place of distinction among the representative citizens of Washington county. He first became connected with a nail factory, where he was employed for two years, and then, at the age of sixteen, he came to Iowa where he secured employment as a farm hand, continuing thus until twenty years of age. He then purchased a farm in Lime Creek township, where he continued to reside until 1898, in which year he retired from active business life and removed to Wellman, where he now resides. He owns two hundred and eighty-three acres of land in Lime Creek township and also five residences in the village of Wellman, while he is well known in financial circles of this city as a director of the Wellman Savings Bank, and a stockholder in the Bank of Keota, Iowa. In 1865 he married Miss Margaret Taylor, a native of Iowa and a daughter of Henry and Eleanor (Squires) Taylor, and in their family were eleven children, namely: David A., a resident of Manitoba, Canada; R. H., of this review; Nora I., the wife of Rev. W. A. Swimley, pastor of a church at Sibley, Iowa; Sylvia E., the wife of Dr. J. E. Green, of Grand Junction, Colorado; Ezra D., deceased; Harriet E., the wife of Rev. W. De Yoe, the pastor of a church in Chicago, Illinois; Mary Isabelle, the wife of Ralph B. Hull, of Washington county; Maud B., the wife of Otto Klockenteger, a blacksmith of Wellman, Iowa; Nellie G., who wedded W. Palmer, a resident of Oklahoma; Victor C., employed in the Wellman Savings Bank; and Leslie L., now attending the State University at Iowa City. Mr. and Mrs.

I. N. Carr both survive and are active members of the Methodist Episcopal church and are highly respected throughout the community.

R. H. Carr, whose name introduces this review, was reared upon his father's farm and attended the district schools of the neighborhood in the acquirement of his education. After laying aside his text-books he entered the broader school of experience where he learned practical lessons concerning the value of diligence, preservance and industry. In 1894 he purchased eighty acres of farm land on section 27, Lime Creek township, which he operated continuously until 1907 in connection with his father's farm, which he cultivated from 1899 until 1907. In the latter year he came to Wellman, where he purchased the stock and livery business of G. I. King, to the conduct of which he is now directing his time and energies. He has already attained a gratifying measure of success, while he is constantly seeking to enlarge the scope of his business. His equipment of horses and vehicles is both extensive and of a high order and his number of satisfied patrons is constantly increasing. He also owns considerable farming property, being the owner of one hundred and forty acres of land in Stevens county, Kansas, together with his original farm of eighty acres in Lime Creek township.

On the 4th of February, 1893, Mr. Carr was united in marriage to Miss Rachel Cora England, who was born on the 25th of January, 1873, and is a daughter of Joel and Katherine England. Her father passed away in 1908. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Carr has been blessed with two children: Lillian Hazel, born November 5, 1897; and Joel Arden, born March 6, 1902. In his fraternal relations Mr. Carr is a member of Dayton Lodge, No. 128, A. F. & A. M.; Cyrus Chapter, R. A. M., of Washington; and Bethlehem Commandery, K. T., of Washington, while he and his wife both hold membership in the Eastern Star. Politically he is independent, preferring to give his support at the polls to the men and measures which in his opinion are best adapted to conserve the general welfare and promote prosperity. He is interested in all matters of general moment, readily lending his influence to all measures which have for their object the upbuilding and progress of the community. A man of sterling integrity and high moral worth, his salient characteristics are such as have gained for him the respect, confidence and good will of all with whom he has been associated.

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#### MISS ALMA G. OTT.

Miss Alma G. Ott, who since 1899 has capably served in the office of post-mistress at Riverside, was born in Washington county, Iowa, her parents being Dr. William and Rhoda (Glasgow) Ott, both of whom were natives of Ohio. The year 1854 witnessed their arrival in this state and for thirty-five years the father was a successful medical practitioner of Riverside. Prior to his graduation as a physician he followed the profession of civil engineering. He passed away in 1899, having for a number of years survived his wife, who was called to her final rest in 1886. Unto this worthy couple

were born three children, namely: Alma G., of this review; William D., a civil engineer by profession, who lives at the family home with his sister Alma; and Mildred J., the wife of John L. Stevens, of Iowa City.

Miss Alma G. Ott completed her education by a course of study in Mount Vernon, Iowa. In 1899, under the administration of William McKinley, she was appointed postmistress of the office at Riverside and has since been the capable incumbent in the position, receiving a salary of twelve hundred dollars a year. Her brother now resides with her in a handsome and attractive residence which they own in Riverside, and with the exception of five years which she spent with friends at San Diego, California, she has always made her home in that town. She is a valued member of Floral Lodge, No. 197, O. E. S., and has filled some of its chairs. Her many excellent traits of heart and mind have endeared her to many with whom she has come in contact and she has an extensive circle of friends throughout the community.

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#### W. E. BROWN.

W. E. Brown, owning and operating a valuable and well improved farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 21, Jackson township, was born in New Jersey on the 24th of August, 1847, his parents being Jesse B. and Matilda (Cooper) Brown, likewise natives of New Jersey. In 1854 they removed to Marshall county, Illinois, where they remained for thirteen years, on the expiration of which period they came to Washington county, Iowa, in 1867. Here they resided until called to their final rest, the father passing away in 1877, while the mother of our subject died on the 23d of February, 1893. Their family numbered twelve children, namely: Isabelle, the wife of Elijah Camery, of Henry, Illinois; Elizabeth, the wife of Robert Clyde, of Washington, Iowa; W. E., of this review; and nine who are deceased.

W. E. Brown acquired his education in the common schools and remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority. During the next five years he rented the farm on which he now resides and then purchased eighty acres of the old homestead place, to which he subsequently added another tract of eighty acres, his holdings now embracing one hundred and sixty acres on section 21, Jackson township. Here he has erected an attractive and commodious residence and all necessary outbuildings and in his farming operations has met with a commendable and gratifying measure of success, the well tilled fields annually yielding golden harvests in return for the care and labor which he bestows upon them.

On the 13th of February, 1868, Mr. Brown was united in marriage to Miss Martha C. Booth, whose birth occurred in Bureau county, Illinois, December 11, 1846, her parents being Joseph and Hannah (Cooper) Booth. Both her father and mother were natives of England, emigrating to the United States in 1843 and taking up their abode in Bureau county, Illinois, where they resided until death claimed them. Joseph Booth passed away



on the 6th of May, 1883, while the demise of his wife occurred February 3, 1892. Unto this worthy couple were born nine children, as follows: Susan, the wife of G. F. Walbridge, of Los Angeles, California; Elizabeth, born May 20, 1835, who is now the widow of C. J. Rhodes and makes her home in Bureau county, Illinois; Squire, who was born October 19, 1838, and is now a resident of Oberlin, Ohio; Collin N., who was born October 11, 1841, and resides in Henry county, Illinois; Walter, whose birth occurred September 24, 1844, and who is now living in Princeton, Illinois; Mrs. Brown; Hannah M., born November 25, 1849, who is deceased; Melissa T., who has also passed away; and David, who was born October 28, 1855, and is a resident of Bureau county, Illinois. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Brown have been born three children: Effie May, whose birth occurred November 30, 1868, and who is now the wife of J. E. Wright, of Jackson township; Charles E., born August 24, 1871, who is also a resident of Jackson township; and Walter Scott, who was born July 22, 1878, and lives on the home farm. He wedded Miss Maud E. Chaffee, whose birth occurred in Greene county, Ohio, in 1881, and who came to Washington county, Iowa, with her parents when a maiden of thirteen years. Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Brown have a daughter, Cora B., born March 10, 1907.

In his political affiliation Mr. Brown is a staunch democrat and has been an active worker in the local ranks of the party, serving both as trustee and clerk, while for twelve years he was school director and for twenty-two years capably discharged his official duties in the position of treasurer. Both he and his wife are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in the work of which they take an active and helpful interest. They are highly esteemed in the community, their good qualities of heart and mind bringing to them the warm friendship of many with whom they have come in contact.

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#### L. M. DOWNING, M. D.

Dr. L. M. Downing, who for the past six years has been a successful medical practitioner of Wellman, was born in Daytonsville, Iowa, on the 21st of February, 1879, his parents being J. R. and Martha (Long) Downing. He continued to reside at home until he became enrolled as a student at the State University, from which institution he was graduated in 1903. Subsequently he located for practice in Wellman, where he has remained to the present time and that he has attained proficiency and skill is indicated by the large patronage which is accorded him and which has made him one of the representative members of the medical fraternity of his native county.

In 1904, Dr. Downing was united in marriage to Miss Harriet Stewart, whose birth occurred at Keota, Iowa, in 1879, her father being Archibald Stewart, who is mentioned on another page of this volume. Mrs. Downing, who is a high school graduate, has become the mother of one daughter, Helen, born October 15, 1906.

Dr. Downing exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party, while fraternally he is connected with Daytonville Lodge, No. 149, A. F. & A. M., at Wellman. His wife is a devoted and faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

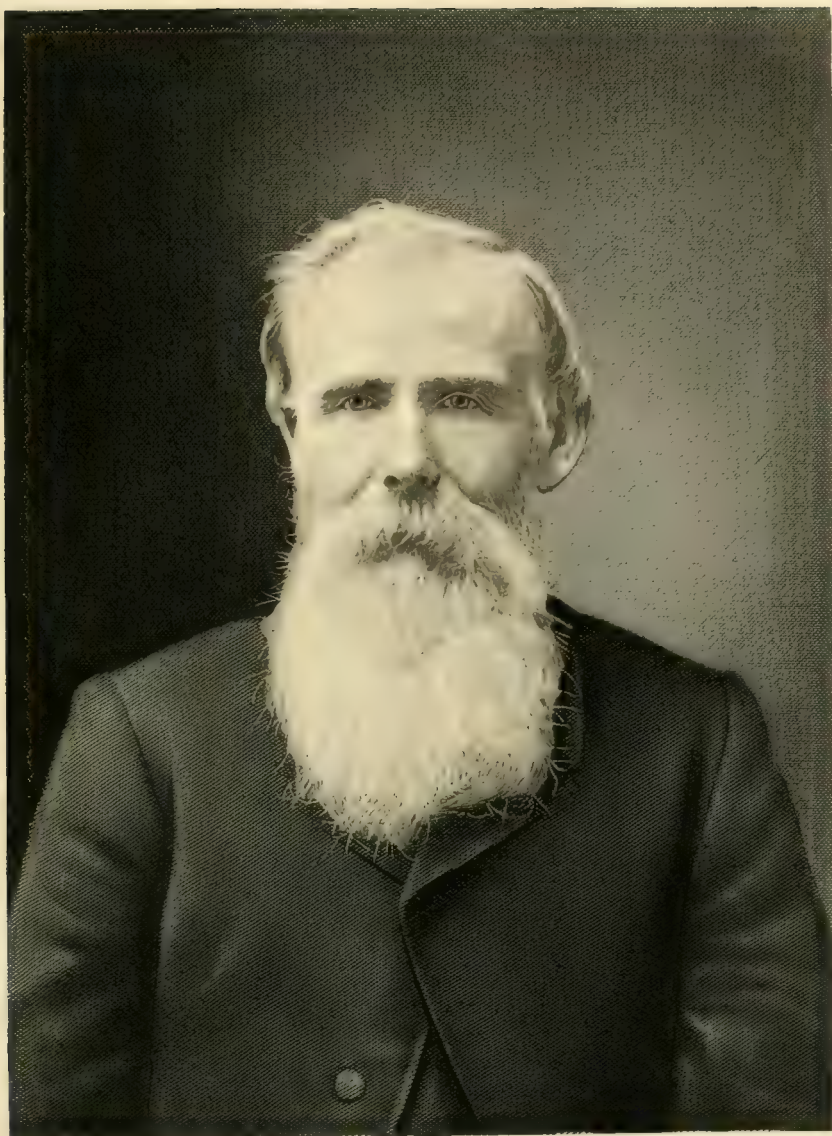
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### JOSIAH MORROW.

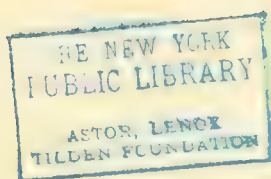
Josiah Morrow had the distinction of having been the first white man to settle on Deer creek. He was also during his life one of the most influential men in this part of the county and the memory of his life remains as one of the most notable monuments of the best use of many years of which the community can boast. He was born in Parke county, Indiana, May 28, 1819, the son of John and Jane (Garvin) Morrow. The parents after their marriage in South Carolina, their native state, went to Parke county, Indiana, and later to Peoria, Illinois. There John Morrow died, and the mother made her home with a daughter, Mrs. Daniel Prince, in Fort Scott, Kansas, where she died.

Josiah Morrow came to Iowa in 1840 and was the first white man to seek to make a home on Deer creek in Johnson county. Travelers and strangers came but infrequently to the region, and women almost not at all, for it is said that Mrs. Morrow had been three months at their place before she saw another white woman. It was a difficult life in the new country, with very little alleviation of any kind. The Indians were the only other humans, and of necessity a bond of friendship sprang up between them and the white settlers. Mr. Morrow seemed to know how to get on with them: he learned to speak their language and won their confidence. In October, 1848, Mr. Morrow forsook that section for Washington county, still in the first stages of development but closer to the world of men than was the little home on Deer creek. In Washington county he took up a government claim of one hundred and sixty acres near Wellman, upon which his son Edwin still lives. Among the treasured possessions of the family are two deeds, one signed by Franklin Pierce, the other by Zachary Taylor, confirming Mr. Morrow's ownership of this piece of land. Both the farm and the deeds have remained in the family and form the nucleus about which a healthy tradition has already begun to gather.

Mr. Morrow was three times married. His first wife was Miss Sarah Ann Bouton, who bore him seven children. When he married the second time he chose Miss Sarah Ann Blandin for his helpmeet, who became the mother of four children. Her sister, Miss Susan M. Blandin, became Mr. Morrow's third wife and is the mother of the two sons, Dewitt T. and Vaughn G., who cultivate the home farm of one hundred and forty acres. Mrs. Morrow, the widow, was born in Steuben county, New York, the daughter of John and Parthenia (Fisher) Blandin. The parents came to Iowa in 1860, locating in Line Creek township, Washington county, where they made their home until their death. Mrs. Morrow is a high-school graduate and for some



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years before her marriage devoted her talents to instructing the young. She is an accomplished woman, endowed with a nature that in its cheerful sunniness is like a tonic to her friends.

During his life Mr. Morrow was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church and was most diligent in furthering its work and interests. The local Masonic lodge also included him upon their roll call, and his brothers in the society found him a staunch friend upon whom they might depend in time of need. When occasion required he gave his support to the republican candidate as the representative of the political party whose platform most nearly coincided with his views. But his influence was ever thrown on the side of right and justice, and the weight of his opinion was not inconsiderable, for his was a strong personality, and he was a man of breadth and depth beyond the ordinary. The community was the better for his having lived in its midst, and the friends to whom his cheerfulness, courage and general loveliness endeared him were often refreshed and given new heart for the life that was before them by his sunny smile or his laugh of good comradeship.

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#### WILLIAM S. PARKS, M. D.

Dr. William S. Parks is a practicing physician and surgeon of Brighton, Iowa, whose career thus far in his profession has been one of eminent usefulness and the means of acquiring him a liberal patronage, inasmuch as his knowledge of materia medica and his skill in surgery have won him an excellent reputation throughout the city and adjoining country.

His birth occurred in Sigourney, Keokuk county, this state, January 9, 1859, and he is a son of Arad and Emeline Parks. His father, a native of Vermont, came to this state about the year 1856 and located in Sigourney, where, with the exception of the time he spent in the army, he lived until he departed this life. He was a physician and surgeon who followed his profession with great success and was known throughout the county as one of the most efficient practitioners of the medical fraternity. His wife is a native of Maryland, but they were married in Brownsville, Indiana. She still survives and resides in Brighton, Iowa. In their family were two children: Emerson A., who passed away in 1908; and William S.

Dr. William S. Parks early developed the desire to enter the medical profession and every advantage was given to him by his mother to gratify his longing. His preliminary education was acquired in the common and high schools of his native county, and after his graduation from the latter, desiring to see some of the world, he spent two years in Wyoming and New Mexico as a government surveyor, at the expiration of which time, in the fall of 1881, he entered upon the study of medicine under Drs. Cook and McWilliams, of Sigourney. After spending a year or more under their instruction, he became a student at the State University of Iowa, from which institution he was graduated March 4, 1885. He immediately began the

practice of his profession in Sigourney but in 1886 came to Brighton, where he has since built up an excellent practice.

On September 19, 1889, occurred the marriage of Dr. Parks and Miss Emma Nora Peterson, and to them have been born three children: Estella, whose birth occurred September 29, 1890, and who is a student at the State University; Eugene William, who was born February 20, 1894; and Arthur, whose birth occurred October 14, 1899.

Politically, the Doctor is a republican, and while he does not desire public office he keeps abreast of the times regarding the paramount issues of the day and is a loyal supporter of the candidates of his favorite party during campaigns. Among the fraternal organizations with which he is affiliated are the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he has been a member for twenty years, during which time he has filled all the chairs, and the Modern Woodmen of America, meeting in Brighton. He belongs to that denomination of Christians known as the Disciples of Christ, being a strong supporter of the organization, and is a member of the state and county medical associations, being at the present writing the president of the latter. Dr. Parks has made an excellent career in his chosen profession, his practice throughout the community gradually growing on account of the studious attention he gives to all the sciences pertaining to the work of the physician and surgeon, and he may justly be numbered among the finest and foremost medical practitioners in the county.

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### CHARLES K. NEEDHAM.

Charles K. Needham, whose success is due to ready adaptability and thorough understanding of the business in which he embarked as a young tradesman, is now editor and proprietor of the Washington County Press, published in the city of Washington. His birth occurred in Oskaloosa, Iowa, January 13, 1868, his parents being William H. and Olive Ann (Knowlton) Needham, both of whom were natives of Ohio. The paternal grandfather, David Needham, was a native of Pennsylvania and became an early settler of Guernsey county, Ohio. Subsequently he cast in his lot with the pioneer settlers of Oskaloosa, Iowa, and built the first hotel there, while with the work of general progress and improvement he was closely associated for many years. While in Ohio he at one time served as sheriff of Guernsey county. He lived to be eighty-eight years of age, while his wife died at the age of fifty-five years. They were the parents of seven or eight children, including William H. Needham, well known throughout Iowa as a prominent representative of journalism. He has been a printer and newspaper man for over a half century. Coming from Ohio to Iowa in 1852 he located in Oskaloosa, where he lived for several years and published the Oskaloosa Herald. He was also postmaster there for seven years under the administration of President Grant. In 1878 he came to Sigourney, where he still makes his home and he and his sons now publish the Keokuk

County News at that place. He has also been postmaster there for the past ten years, giving a prompt and efficient administration, but whether in office or out of it he is always loyal to the best interests of the community at large, local progress and national advancement both being causes dear to his heart. At the time of the Civil war he gave substantial proof of his patriotism in active service at the front, becoming first lieutenant of Company D, Twenty-second Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He served for four and a half years, took part in the entire siege of Vicksburg and was the first man to plant the Union flag on the fort there. He likewise participated in the battle of Cedar Creek and in other important engagements which contributed to the final victory, which crowned the Union arms. Both he and his wife are consistent members of the Methodist church. In early manhood he wedded Olive Ann Knowlton, a daughter of Samuel Knowlton, a native of Maine, who lived for many years in Cincinnati. He devoted much of his life to farming and on leaving Ohio became one of the early settlers of Mahaska county, Iowa, where he owned an extensive tract of land of six hundred acres. He died in New Sharon, Iowa, at the age of seventy-eight years while his first wife, Mrs. Julia (Hadley) Knowlton, the grandmother of our subject, passed away at the age of fifty-five years. For his second wife he chose Mrs. Harriet Ellis. By the first marriage there were twelve children including Mrs. Olive A. Needham, who by her marriage became the mother of nine children, seven of whom are yet living, namely: Charles K.; John R., publisher of the Centerville Iowegian; Edna P., the wife of J. M. Beck, of Centerville, Iowa; Emma J., the wife of William Minter, of Sigourney, Iowa; Sherman W., editor of the News of Sigourney; Anna Belle, and William H., also residents of Sigourney.

Charles K. Needham remained in his native city to the age of ten years when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Sigourney, where they remained for twenty-six years. He attended the public schools there until he became a high-school student and was afterward a pupil in Penn College, a Quaker institution at Oskaloosa. When sixteen years of age he began learning the printer's trade and has followed it practically throughout his entire life. In July, 1906, he arrived in Washington and purchased the Washington County Press, the oldest paper of the county and the only one published in magazine form in the state. It is republican in politics and is a well edited journal devoted to the dissemination of local and general news and at all times championing those measures and movements which are calculated to promote the best interests of the city and of the county at large. He also conducts a profitable job printing business, and both departments are meeting with a gratifying patronage. He is also interested in the Sigourney News, Montezuma Republican and the Centerville Iowegian.

On the 15th of September, 1900, Mr. Needham was married to Miss Nell D. Laffer, a daughter of Henry and Georgia (Crist) Laffer. Mrs. Needham was born on a farm near Sigourney and is a lady of culture and broad education, possessing as well good business qualities, and for the past seven years has served as court reporter in the sixth judicial district of Iowa.

Mr. Needham belongs to Webb Lodge, No. 281, A. F. & A. M., of Sigourney; Joppa Chapter, No. 40, R. A. M.; Bethlehem Commandery, K. T. of Washington; and Kaaba Temple of the Mystic Shrine, at Davenport. He also holds membership with the Sigourney Lodge of Odd Fellows and with the encampment at Washington and with the Knights of Pythias at Washington. His business ability, enterprise and laudable ambition in the line of his chosen life have carried him into important relations with the journalistic interests of the state and he holds a high place in the regard of his fellow members of the newspaper craft.

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### SOLOMON WEEKLY.

Solomon Weekly is numbered among the representatives of farming interests in Seventy-Six township, making his home since 1890 upon his present farm, which comprises one hundred and sixty acres of Iowa's rich soil. He was born in Doddridge county, Virginia, now West Virginia, and attended the common schools in his home neighborhood. At twenty-two years of age he was married and, thinking to find better opportunities in the middle west, made his way to Richland county, Illinois, where he remained for a year. On the expiration of that period he returned to Doddridge county, where he continued for ten years and in 1882 arrived in Washington county, Iowa. Here he began farming upon rented land and continued to thus engage in the tilling of the soil until his industry and careful expenditure had brought him sufficient capital to enable him to purchase a farm. It was in 1889 that he purchased eighty acres of his present place, on which he took up his abode in the spring in 1890. Two years later he bought an eighty acres adjoining, thus extending the boundaries of his property until it now includes one hundred and sixty acres. Here he carries on general farming and has been very successful in his chosen life work. Year by year he carefully tills the fields and the planting of early spring and the cultivation of the summer months are rewarded by generous harvests in the autumn.

Mr. Weekly was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Coleman, a native of Allegany county, Maryland, and unto them have been born five children: Lewis, a resident of Floyd county, Iowa; Virgil, living in Henry county, Iowa; Blanche, the wife of O. T. King, of Seventy-Six township, Washington county; Frederick, who makes his home in Cedar township, this county; and Effie, the wife of Frederick Fisher, who operates his father-in-law's farm. The parents are consistent and faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church, taking an active interest in its work and doing all in their power to extend its influence. Mr. Weekly votes with the republican party. He does not seek to figure prominently in public affairs but is justly accounted one of the representative farmers of Seventy-Six township and belongs to the class of self-made men of whom the county has just reason to be proud. Starting out in life empty-handed, he placed his dependence upon the sub-



stantial qualities of energy and industry and thus he has steadily worked his way upward, brooking no obstacles that could be overcome by persistent and honorable effort. His record proves what may be attained in this way and his example should serve as a source of inspiration and encouragement to others.

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### JAMES C. NELSON.

James C. Nelson, a prosperous and substantial farmer of this county, the character of whose citizenship has been of great benefit to the community, is a native of Wayne county, Ohio, who was born February 5, 1834, a son of Mathew and Mary (Dawson) Nelson. His father was a native of Pennsylvania, but migrated to Ohio at an early date and in the fall of 1841 came by wagon to Washington county, Iowa, locating in what is now Washington township. The land was in a primitive condition and he was among the pioneers of the county. He engaged in farming until his death, which occurred here March 6, 1885, his remains being interred in the old Washington cemetery. He was a republican politically, always loyal to the candidates of his party, a lover of home life and a man who put forth every effort to make his domestic environment conducive to the highest degree of happiness. His wife, to whom he was married in Ohio, was born in Pennsylvania, March 15, 1810, and entered into rest in this county, September 25, 1873, her remains being interred beside those of her husband.

To them were born the following children: Barbara Jane, who passed away in infancy; James C.; Joseph, living on the old homestead; Robert, who served during the Civil war in the Eleventh Iowa Volunteer Infantry and met death in a railroad collision near Lafayette, Indiana, October 13, 1864; William, born March 23, 1843, who was a member of the Twenty-fifth Iowa Volunteer Infantry and now pursues agriculture on a farm near Keota, this state; Alexander, born January 2, 1846, a resident of this county; and M. H., born November 1, 1848, a real-estate dealer of Spokane, Washington.

James C. Nelson, after acquiring his education in the public schools, remained upon the home farm until 1861, when he enlisted in Company H, Seventh Iowa Volunteer Infantry for three years' service and during the conflict participated in the battles of Fort Henry and Fort Donelson. He was subsequently detached and assigned to the hospital corps, serving as a nurse until he received an honorable discharge at the close of the war. He then returned to this county and became a clerk in a grocery store, the duties of which position he performed for one year, when, in company with an uncle and others, he bought out the business and conducted it successfully for two years. He then disposed of his interest and turned his attention to farming in Washington township, where he has since resided with the exception of two years spent in travel through Nebraska, Kansas and California. He owns eighty acres of highly improved and productive land, upon which he engages in general farming, making a specialty of fruit growing, being particularly successful in raising peaches.

On May 11, 1875, Mr. Nelson wedded Jennie Neal, a native of New York state, born November 1, 1850, her people having come to this county when she was one year of age. Her father, William Neal, was born in Ireland, of Scotch extraction, and came to the United States after he was married, locating in Herkimer county, New York. In 1850 he came to this county by the river route, settling five miles south of the town of Washington, where he lived for a few years, later removing to a farm north of that place. He lived there until five years before his death, and for a time lived within the town corporation. His life was terminated in 1900, his remains being interred in Elm Grove cemetery. His wife, a native of the Emerald isle, where they were united in marriage, still survives. To them were born eleven children, namely: Charles, deceased; Jennie; Ellen, a trained nurse residing in Davenport, this state; Mrs. Emma George, who lives near Superior, Nebraska; Mrs. Becky George, who makes her home on a farm near Ames, Iowa; Mrs. Anna Stephenson, who is in the general merchandise business in Blackwell, Oklahoma; Mrs. Margaret Donaldson, who resides on a farm in Brookings, South Dakota; Mrs. Nettie Alger, of Frankfort, South Dakota; Samuel, an agriculturist of Washington township; Mrs. Howton, who resides with her mother; and Mrs. D. M. Palmer, who lives on a farm in this county. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Nelson, namely: Mrs. Robert Maxwell, of this county; and George, at home.

Politically, Mr. Nelson supports the republican party, having always been loyal to its candidates. He attends divine services at the Associate Presbyterian church and his upright walk together with his industry and enterprise have merited him the reputation which he has won as an honored representative of his community.

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#### JOHN HECK.

John Heck, now owning and operating a well improved farm of ninety-seven and a half acres in Iowa township, was born in Johnson county, Iowa, on the 15th of May, 1865, his parents being John and Catherine (Miller) Heck. The father, a native of Bohemia, was a lad of twelve years when he accompanied his parents on their emigration to the United States. They first resided for a short period in Chicago and then journeyed further westward, establishing their home on a farm near Solon in Johnson county, Iowa. Subsequent to his marriage John Heck, Sr., followed teaming for three years in Iowa City and then came to Washington county, purchasing a farm of eighty acres in Iowa township. He was successfully engaged in its cultivation until the time of his death at the age of fifty-five years. His wife passed away when but thirty-five years of age. On the outbreak of hostilities between the north and the south he enlisted as a soldier of the northern army and loyally fought for the interests of the Union until its supremacy had been established.

John Heck was reared on the home farm and obtained his education in the district schools. When seventeen years of age he secured employment as a farm hand, being thus busily engaged in the work of the fields for nine years, when he rented a tract of land which he operated successfully until 1902. Having accumulated sufficient capital through his untiring labor and careful expenditure, he then purchased his present farm of ninety-seven and a half acres in Iowa township and at once began its improvement and development. As the years have gone by he has transformed the place into a highly cultivated and valuable farming property and is a most energetic and enterprising agriculturist, his efforts being annually rewarded by bounteous harvests. He deserves much credit for what he has accomplished, for he started out in business life empty-handed and the success which has come to him is entirely the result of his unremitting energy, indefatigable industry and capable management.

In February, 1892, Mr. Heck was united in marriage to Miss Anna Yansky, of Washington county, by whom he has four children, namely: Bessie, Alva, Jesse and Mabel, all at home. Politically Mr. Heck is a staunch advocate of the republican party, believing that its principles contain the best elements of good government. He has resided in this county throughout practically his entire life and is a man whose marked strength of character, genial disposition and genuine worth have gained him the unqualified respect and good will of his fellowmen.

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#### ALBERT R. SHAW.

Albert R. Shaw, who is devoting his attention to the pursuits of farming and stock-raising in Jackson township, was born in Knox county, Illinois, on the 28th of June, 1848, his parents being Samuel and Susan D. (Maxfield) Shaw, further mention of whom is made in the sketch of E. M. Shaw, a brother of our subject, which appears on another page of this volume. Albert R. Shaw attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education and remained at home until sixteen years of age, when with patriotic zeal he enlisted for service in the Union army as a member of Company F, Eighth Illinois Infantry. He was wounded in the battle of Mobile and also participated in a number of skirmishes, loyally fighting for the interests of the Union until the close of hostilities. He was honorably discharged at Springfield, Illinois, on the 16th of February, 1866, and returning to Washington county, Iowa, has here since continued to reside. He now operates one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 35, Jackson township, and also makes a specialty of raising, feeding and shipping stock, meeting with a commendable and gratifying measure of prosperity in his undertakings.

In June, 1876, Mr. Shaw was united in marriage to Miss Minerva A. Davis, whose birth occurred in Licking county, Ohio, October 4, 1848, her parents being Lewis F. and Sarah (Hannahs) Davis, the former a native

of West Virginia and the latter of Licking county, Ohio. In 1865 Mr. and Mrs. Davis removed to Rock Island county, Illinois, where they remained for two years and in 1867 came to Washington county, Iowa, locating in Jackson township and here remaining until called to their final rest. Lewis F. Davis passed away in December, 1882, while his wife's demise occurred in February, 1893. Their family numbered six children, namely: Melville, deceased; Mrs. Shaw; Russell, who is a resident of Washington county; Virginia and Milford, who have likewise passed away; and Harley, of Denver, Colorado. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Shaw have been born six children, as follows: Virginia, who is deceased; Grace E., who is a graduate of the academy at Washington, Iowa, and has taught school for eight years; Fred, likewise a graduate of that institution, who resides at home; Gertrude M., who is also a graduate of the academy at Washington and is now engaged in teaching; Floyd, who was graduated from the same school in 1900; and Alvin, at home.

In his political views Mr. Shaw is a staunch republican and has served in the position of township trustee, while at the present time he is president of the school board. He still maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades through his membership in G. A. R. Post, No. 108. His wife was reared in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal church, the teachings of which she exemplifies in her daily life. In all relations Mr. Shaw has proven himself worthy the confidence and good will which are so uniformly accorded him and has won an extensive circle of friends in this county during the long period of his residence here.

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#### C. A. MEYER.

C. A. Meyer, deceased, whose industry and enterprise have left their value upon the agricultural interests of Franklin township, this county, will long be remembered for his excellent qualities of character and the benefits which have accrued to the community from his straightforward and upright life. His birth occurred in Mason county, Illinois, June 17, 1869, a son of Herman and Hannah (Rimerman) Meyer. His father was a native of Germany and located in Illinois at an early date. In 1889 he removed to Logan county, that state, where he entered into rest.

In the common schools of Logan county, C. A. Meyer acquired his education, and upon completing his studies launched out in the world for himself, his initial step being that of the farmer. He remained in Logan county, dealing extensively in stock until 1901, when he came to Washington county, Iowa, locating on a farm which he occupied for four years, or until 1904. He then removed to the property upon which his widow now lives. The farm contains two hundred and thirty-six acres, which is provided with an excellent residence built by Mr. Meyer, together with all other conveniences requisite to the occupation of farming, and aside from this excellent tract of land he also left one hundred and sixty acres located in Cedar township. Mr.





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Meyer met death December 26, 1904, while, in company with his wife, he was driving over a railroad crossing when his team was struck by a train, receiving injuries which caused his death a few hours later. His wife, however, escaped serious hurt.

Mr. Meyer's marriage to Miss Christine Leesman occurred in Logan county, Illinois, January 15, 1890, and they became the parents of three children, namely: Herman, whose birth occurred January 15, 1891; Francis, who was born September 8, 1893; and Clara, who was born September 8, 1895. Since the death of her husband Mrs. Meyer has been managing the farm interests and has added to the property a tract of eighty acres in Cedar township. Mr. Meyer was a republican in politics and although he never aspired to hold public office he was interested in the issues before the country, and his influence in behalf of its candidates was widely felt. His fraternal affiliations were with the Modern Woodmen of America, and from the age of fourteen years he was a member of the Reformed Lutheran church. Being a man of high moral aspirations, who possessed excellent qualities of character, he commanded the respect of the entire neighborhood, and in his death the community lost one of its most progressive and representative citizens.

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#### FRANK M. FLEMING.

Frank M. Fleming, who for forty years has resided in Washington county, has been a witness of much of its growth and progress and at all times has been interested in its upbuilding and development. Throughout the entire period of his residence here he has been associated with agricultural interests and is now farming sixty acres of finely improved land in Cedar township, which he purchased many years ago. He was born in Madison county, Ohio, January 23, 1845, and is a son of John and Sarah (Chappell) Fleming, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Tennessee. In an early day they arrived in Madison county, Ohio, settling on a tract of land in the midst of the dense forest. There the father built a log cabin which the family occupied for several years but as time passed by he was enabled to replace the pioneer improvements with those of a more modern character. He died in Ohio, while his wife passed away in Washington county, Iowa. Their family numbered eight children, of whom four are still living: Lewelen, a resident of Kansas; A. J., who makes his home near Bushnell, Illinois; John, of Cedar township, Washington county; and Frank M., of this review.

Frank M. Fleming passed his youthful days under the parental roof until he had reached the age of sixteen years, when he offered his services to the government, becoming a member of Company B, Tenth Missouri Volunteer Infantry, with which he served for three years. He participated in the battles of Iuka, Corinth, Mississippi, Rawson, Jackson, Champion Hill and the siege of Vicksburg, the last named continuing for forty-seven days. He was also in the battle of Mission Ridge and in several skirmishes. He was

likewise with Sherman during part of the Atlanta campaign, after which he returned to St. Louis and was honorably discharged. He made a creditable military record by reason of his unfaltering loyalty to the cause which he espoused. He had followed the old flag on many a hotly contested battlefield and on many of the long hard marches which constitute a feature of military experience.

After receiving his discharge Mr. Fleming went to Macomb, Illinois, and was employed as a farm hand in that locality for two years. He then came to Washington county and engaged in cultivating a rented farm for five years, during which time he carefully saved his earnings, so that he was at length enabled to purchase sixty acres, constituting his present farm. This is a highly improved property and presents a most attractive appearance owing to the care and labor which Mr. Fleming has bestowed upon it. He has led a life of usefulness and activity, his industry constituting the foundation upon which he has builded his success.

On the 7th of April, 1872, Mr. Fleming was united in marriage to Miss Zerilda E. Gardner, who was born in Madison county, Ohio, July 10, 1846, a daughter of James and Eliza Gardner. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Fleming has been blessed with five children: Cora G., the wife of D. H. Tipton, of Ottumwa, Iowa; Loren and Laura, twins, the latter being the wife of Louis Longwell, of Oskaloosa, Iowa; Mabel, the wife of Clarence Timmons, of Washington county; and Clara E., the wife of Walter Patterson, who operates his father-in-law's farm. The wife and mother died October 9, 1890, and her death was deeply regretted by many friends who had learned to love her by reason of her many attractive qualities and her kindly spirit. She was moreover a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church, to which Mr. Fleming also belongs. In his political views he is an earnest republican and has served as school director for several years, the cause of education finding in him a stalwart champion. He belongs to the Grand Army post at Wellman and thus maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades. Few men of his years can boast of so strenuous a military record in the Civil war as Mr. Fleming, who was but a boy when he entered the service but the strenuous experiences of warfare made him a man in all but years.

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#### A. L. BRADEN, M. D.

Dr. A. L. Braden is meeting with success as a follower of the medical profession in Wellman, where he has been located since 1903. He was born in Des Moines county, Iowa, on the 8th of August, 1870, a son of J. R. and Carrie (Austin) Braden, both of whom were natives of Ross county, Ohio. It was in the year 1851 that the father came to Iowa, turning his attention to farming. He was busily employed in the work of the fields until more than a decade had passed, when he responded to the country's call for troops, joining the boys in blue of Company K, Fourteenth Iowa Volunteer



Infantry. With this regiment he served throughout the entire war and participated in several hotly contested battles but never flinched when facing the enemy's bullets, actuated always by the high and earnest resolve of protecting the interests of the Union. Both he and his wife are now deceased. His political allegiance was unswervingly given to the republican party and he took an active interest in promoting its welfare and success. The family numbered but two children, the elder being Mary Louisa Braden, now the wife of Grant Gregory, of Texas.

Dr. Braden, the only son, supplemented his public school education by a course in Kossuth Academy, from which he was graduated with the class of 1890. He largely pursued his medical course in Iowa City, where he spent four years in college. He also spent two years in the Bellevue Hospital in New York city and for a time was in the Mills Training School of the eastern metropolis. His thorough preparation well qualified him for the onerous duties of the profession and in 1903 he came to Wellman, where he purchased the practice of Dr. Smith and later bought out Dr. W. P. Gardner. He has been very successful in his professional career, his skill and ability gaining him a wide reputation and extensive practice throughout the surrounding country. He is always most careful in the diagnosis of his cases and his labors have been attended with a gratifying measure of success. In addition to his private practice he is now physician for the Fraternal Aid at Wellman and examiner for several insurance companies.

On the 23d of September, 1903, Dr. Braden was married to Miss Carrie V. Heizer, who was born in Des Moines county, Iowa. They have become the parents of two children: Louisa, who was born November 8, 1904; and Cordelle, whose birth occurred June 15, 1907. The parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and Dr. Braden is a member of the Woodmen Lodge, No. 1828, of which he is also examining physician. He is actuated by high ideals in his professional service and is recognized elsewhere as a man of attractive social qualities, whose interest in his fellowmen is deep and sincere, while his efforts for public progress are actuated by an earnest desire for the welfare and upbuilding of the community in which he makes his home.

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### DAVID R. RITCHEY.

David R. Ritchey has devoted his life to general farming in Washington township, this county, where he was born January 29, 1848, being one of the oldest living native sons. His rigid application to business together with his aggressiveness and straightforward transactions have always commended him to the respect and confidence of all those with whom he has come in contact. His parents were John C. and Margaret K. (Anderson) Ritchey. His father, who was a native of Indiana, removed to Illinois, and settled near Nauvoo, where he pursued agriculture for several years. He came to this county about 1840 and located in what is now Washington township, in

company with a brother Adam and his daughter. Here he followed his chosen occupation until 1862, when he enlisted in Company C, Nineteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry and during the battle at Morganza Plantation, he lost his life, his remains being interred upon the battlefield. All of his regiment were taken prisoners at that time except a few who escaped. The mother of our subject was a native of South Hanover, Indiana, born October 19, 1817, and when about six years of age removed to Green county, Ohio, with her parents, remaining there about ten years. She next lived in Laporte, Indiana, until 1842, when she came to this county, where she was married and here she lived until she departed this life August 8, 1908, her remains being interred in the old Washington cemetery. She reared three children: David R.; Florence, who passed away on November 10, 1880; and Luther, who died in infancy. By a former marriage on December 2, 1840, to Rhoda Houston, who passed away on February 18, six years later, John C. Ritchey had four children: Erastus, deceased; Leander, who served three years in Company H, Seventh Iowa Volunteer Infantry and was wounded at Belmont and who now resides in Illinois; Mary E., deceased; and William, deceased.

The common schools afforded David R. Ritchey his preliminary education but he subsequently pursued a course of study in an academy of this county. When his father entered the Union army he took charge of the family and although but fourteen years of age he assumed management of the farm, pursuing agriculture on the home place until he was united in marriage. He has since followed that occupation independently here with the exception of five years spent in Reno county, Kansas. He owns an excellent farm containing forty acres on section 1, where with great success he engages in general agriculture, giving some attention to raising stock.

On September 10, 1879, Mr. Ritchey wedded Miss Arabella Logan, who was born in Brighton township, April 27, 1853. To them have been born three children: Winnifred, deceased; Bessie L., the wife of Arthur Wead, a neighboring farmer; and Helen M., deceased. Mr. Ritchey has always voted the republican ticket and has never found cause justifying him in forsaking his party. He is a faithful adherent of the United Presbyterian church, as is also his wife, and throughout the township he enjoys an excellent reputation as an upright man and industrious farmer.

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### JOHN B. DEY.

John B. Dey, a salient factor in the financial interests of Brighton, is proprietor of an extensive real-estate business which, through his excellent management and commercial ability, is one of the most important concerns of the kind in this part of the state. He was born here, November 30, 1845, a son of Richard S. and Eliza Anne (Shearer) Dey. The father, a native of New Jersey, located in Ohio in the early days and in the year 1845 removed to Brighton Springs, Iowa, settling in Brighton township about two miles and

a half southeast of the village, where he remained until 1876. During that year he took up his abode in the village of Brighton, where he spent his remaining days, entering into rest in 1901, his remains being interred here. Throughout his entire life he followed agricultural pursuits and was considered one of the most progressive farmers in the county, his excellent qualities at the same time gaining for him the respect of all who knew him. His wife, whose birth occurred in Ohio, where they were married, passed away in the village of Brighton in 1872. To them were born nine children, namely: John B.; Mary E., the widow of William Neal; Lyddie, widow of William Madden; Sarah M., wife of John R. Pensyl, residing in Stockton, California; Cyrus Frank, a gardener of Houston Heights, Texas; Lenora S., deceased; Henrietta A., the wife of Jeffries Harney, a stock-dealer, of Welton, Iowa; Lucy J., deceased; and Clark P., a railroad agent, living in the state of Washington.

John B. Dey acquired his rudimentary education in the common schools, later pursuing a higher course of study in Wesley University, and after graduating from that institution he equipped himself for the commercial world by a course in a commercial college at Burlington, this state. About the time he was ready to enter the business world his patriotism being aroused he entered the Union army, enlisting March 30, 1864, in Company C, Second Iowa Volunteer Infantry to serve three years but was discharged at Louisville, Kentucky, July 12, 1865, as the war had ended. Although his martial experience was brief he participated in a number of hotly contested engagements; was present at the first battle of Buzzards Roost; participated in battles at Dalton and Resaca, Georgia; was with General Sherman throughout the Atlantic campaign and the march to the sea, thence to the city of Washington, where, with his companions in arms, he was honorably mustered out. While in the service near Petersburg he had sunstroke, the result of which has since caused him much acute suffering.

Following the war Mr. Dey returned to Washington county, where he engaged in farming for several years, presently giving it up on account of his health and taking up school teaching as an occupation. Finally he rented a mill, which he operated for some time but, this pursuit not being to his liking, he went to Libertyville, this state, where for over a year he was engaged as a clerk in a store, at the expiration of which time he again had recourse to school teaching for a livelihood. After following this vocation for about two years he came to the village of Brighton in 1877, where his father was interested in a grocery and hardware enterprise and he took stock in the same business, in which he was actively interested for about two years. Presently he severed his connections with the store and then engaged in carpenter work, having during his early days perfected himself at the carpenter's trade. He plied his craft until 1890, when he became affiliated with the State Bank as assistant cashier, the duties of which position he performed for thirteen years, and upon his resignation he entered the real-estate business on his own account in Brighton, under the firm title of Dey & Mullen, the firm doing a large and lucrative business and being one of the largest financial enterprises in the city. Mr. Dey is also a notary public and

his business transactions have been so important as to make him a factor in the financial life of the vicinity. He owns an elegant residence at the corner of Fountain and Jefferson streets and also one other residence property which are considered among the most valuable in the city. The Dey & Mullen Real Estate Company, which is also known as the Brighton Land Company, does a comprehensive business in realty lines, handling farm lands and city property and at the same time conducting a lucrative business in money loaning and insurance. Everything pertaining to the realty business is transacted by them and they furnish and write contracts, draw up agreements, draft deeds, enter mortgages, write leases and wills and in fact engage in the full round of business transacted by a firm of this nature.

In 1866 Mr. Dey wedded Miss Sarah J. Knerr, a resident of Brighton and their home is one of culture and refinement, being surrounded with everything with which to make life enjoyable. Politically Mr. Dey is a republican, having always taken considerable interest in local affairs, and has served as justice of the peace and clerk, treasurer and assessor of the village and in fact has filled all important local offices. The patriotism which led him to join the Union ranks years ago still predominates and he evidences his love for country and for military life by his membership in the Grand Army of the Republic, in which order he is prominent, having served his post as quartermaster and now as commander. Enterprise and industry together with patience and perseverance are qualities which have enabled Mr. Dey to attain to his present prosperous position in the commercial world and, his transactions having always been conducted in accord with a high standard of morals, he has been honored by the highest respect of the people and is justly numbered among the representative citizens of the county.

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#### HUGH L. KENDALL.

Hugh L. Kendall was brought to Washington county when two years of age and though he afterward resided elsewhere for a period he was later long identified with industrial interests until his election to the office of county recorder, in which capacity he is now serving. He was born in Warren county, Illinois, March 13, 1844, and on the paternal side is of English descent, the Kendalls having come to this country from England at an early day and settled in Virginia, whence succeeding generations migrated to Maryland, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois and Iowa. Margaret Kendall, who died in the middle of the seventeenth century, was the first white settler who died a natural death in the cove erected by a great-grandson of James Kendall in Fulton county, Pennsylvania. Our subject's grandfather, Robert Kendall, was a native of that state and an early settler of Ohio. About 1830 he removed to Warren county, Illinois, and became quite prominent in the early history of that locality. His entire life was devoted to farming and he died in Illinois when in middle life. His wife was about sixty years of age at the time of her demise.



Their son, William W. Kendall, was born in Ohio and accompanied his parents on their removal to Illinois. He enlisted in the Black Hawk war but it is not known whether he took part in any engagements. In early life he learned the carpenter's trade but subsequently became a pioneer druggist of Washington, Iowa, arriving in this city in 1846 when it was a little village on the western prairie. Later he removed to Rock Island, Illinois, but in the fall of 1862 returned to Washington and soon afterward offered his services to his country, enlisting as a member of Company C, Nineteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, with which he served for nearly three years. He then returned to Washington, retaining his residence here throughout his remaining days. In early manhood he wedded Martha McFarland, a native of Ohio, while her father was a native of Pennsylvania, whence he removed to Kentucky and later went to the Buckeye state. His last years, however, were spent in Illinois. For some time he conducted a woolen mill. His family numbered three daughters and two sons, including Mrs. Martha Kendall, who died in 1905 at the age of eighty-three years, having long survived her husband. They were both consistent and faithful members of the United Presbyterian church. Their children were: Anna J., the wife of James Latta; Arthur R.; Hugh L.; Rebecca, the wife of Fred Cramer; William Henry; Ross L.; Clark M.; Ida L., the wife of Ira Simonds; and Sarah E., a teacher in Chicago. Of this family Arthur R. Kendall was a soldier of the Civil war, enlisting from Rock Island as a member of Company C, Thirty-seventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He veteranized and served for more than four years.

Hugh L. Kendall, brought to Washington when two years of age, here lived to the age of fifteen years and then accompanied his parents on their removal to Rock Island. He was but a youth of seventeen when he joined the boys in blue in defense of the Union cause. Hardly had the smoke from Fort Sumter's guns cleared away when on the 19th of April, 1861, he enlisted as a member of Company D, Thirteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, with which he served for three years and two months, holding the rank of corporal. He was wounded at Ringgold Gap, Georgia, and was in the battles of Chickasaw Bayou, Arkansas Post, Jackson, Mississippi, the siege of Vicksburg, Tuscumbia, Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge and Ringgold, thus participating in many of the most hotly contested engagements of the war. After being wounded he went to New Orleans and was clerk in the quartermaster's department, his duties concerning water transportation.

When mustered out Mr. Kendall returned to Washington, Iowa, and in 1867 took up the business of house and sign painting, which he followed continuously until 1908, being accorded a liberal patronage because of his good workmanship. He has also been somewhat active in local affairs, serving as chief of the fire department for three years, while in November, 1908, he was elected county recorder and took the oath of office January 4, 1909. He was chosen to this position on the republican ticket, having always been a stalwart advocate of the republican party which was the defense of the Union during the dark days of the Civil war and has always been the party of reform and progress.

In December, 1869, Mr. Kendall was married to Miss Lucinda Moore, who was born in Ireland and in childhood was brought to America by her parents, who were also natives of the Emerald isle. Unto this marriage have been born two daughters, Effie D. and Belle. The former is the wife of Hubert Nicola, a resident of North English, Iowa, and they have one son, Leigh. Belle is the wife of W. A. Sutton, of Iowa City and they have a daughter, Dorothy.

Mr. Kendall is a member of Covenant Lodge, No. 101, I. O. O. F., and also of I. G. White Post, No. 145, G. A. R. His wife holds membership with the First United Presbyterian church. They occupy a good residence on North avenue B, which Mr. Kendall erected about 1888. They are well known in Washington, where they have long resided, and their many good traits have won for them the friendship and kindly regard of those with whom they have been brought in contact.

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### ROBERT C. RISK.

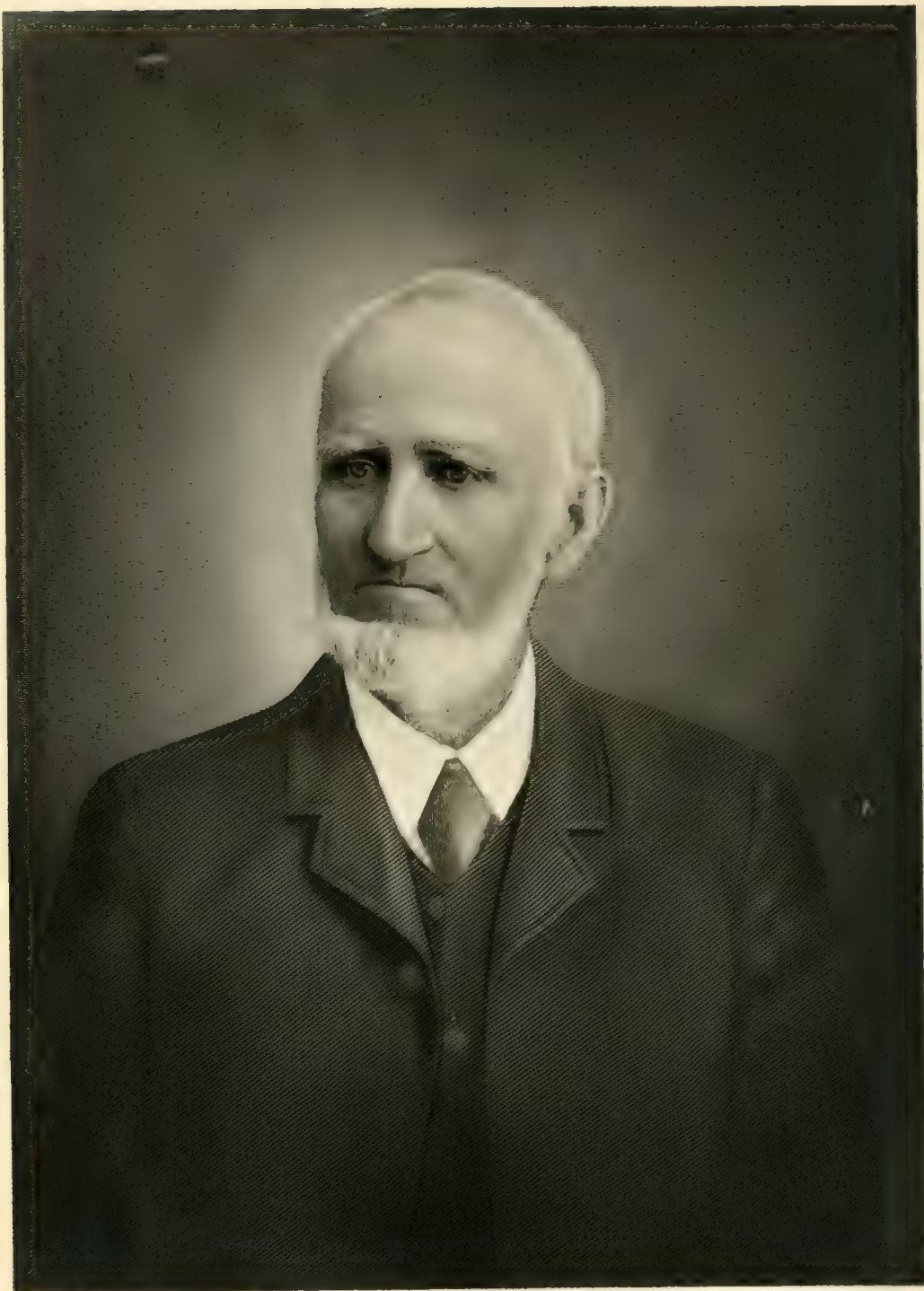
Robert C. Risk was one of the earliest residents of Washington county and a man whose honesty was never questioned, notwithstanding the fact he controlled extensive business interests. His success was gained entirely through his own labor and his enterprise, diligence, perseverance and integrity were the salient points in his career. No history of the county would be complete without extended mention of him, for he was one of the best known citizens here for many years, casting his lot with the early settlers at a time when the Indians still frequently visited this part of the state.

A native of Ireland, Mr. Risk was born in 1814, and when a lad of five summers was brought by his parents to the United States, the family home being established in Pennsylvania, where he was reared. In early manhood he made his way westward to Illinois, settling in Tazewell county, where he remained for three or four years. This was about the time or soon after the Black Hawk war, wherein the white men contested with the red over the supremacy of these great prairies of the Mississippi Valley. He was one entire week crossing the Black Swamp on his way westward.

In 1836 Mr. Risk arrived in Washington county, traveling by wagon in company with his family, and upon arriving at what is known at the present time as the Slough bridge north of Skunk river, the wagon broke down, and, as it was almost sundown, Mrs. Risk, brave as was always her nature, taking their only child Sarah, on in front on one of the horses, followed the Indian trail as directed by her husband, as this was her first trip to the cabin. Darkness overtook her before reaching there, and upon arriving she was greeted by two Indian braves leaning against the cabin. They remained there until Mr. Risk came and told them to Puckachee, or go. They went peacefully. The Indians though numerous on this side of the Mississippi, usually maintained peaceful relations with the settlers. They would frequently be seen

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in large numbers visiting the village. After living here some time, on one occasion, Mr. Risk was told that an Indian had stolen his white horse and was taking it away. Mr. Risk followed and overtaking the supposed thief, demanded his property, whereupon the Indian informed him the horse was his own. Each protested in his respective language that the ownership of the animal was his. Mr. Risk in looking the horse over saw he was mistaken and the Indian to show his good feeling dismounted and embraced Mr. Risk, and told him as best he could to go home and look in the stable for his horse saying Nischaschinee man, Nischaschinee horse, (good man, good horse). Another incident with the red men shows in part their friendly feeling toward the white men. One day the family were going visiting when a lot of Indians came and left a drunken one in the stack yard, whereupon Mr. Risk decided to stay at home. In the afternoon, when the Indian awoke, he took after Mr. Risk, who ran as best he could, but the Indian overtook and simply threw his arms around Mr. Risk and laughed good naturedly. Another time one cold, stormy winter day an Indian brave pushed the coverlid to the door aside, walked in, threw himself down on the hearth in front of the fireplace, and pulled from his blanket a butcher knife. Mrs. Risk thought her time for scalping had come, but instead the Indian cut a chew from a plug of tobacco. Presently some squaws came and Mrs. Risk ceased to be uneasy, but had to endure and let them lay by the fire until her husband came, who spoke in their native tongue, Puckachee (or go). They left at once.

It was some years before Iowa was admitted to the Union, and the district bordering Skunk river was mostly an unsettled region, giving little promise of the development which was soon to transform this district into one of the thickly settled and prosperous counties of the state. He located in Brighton township and entered land from the government, securing a tract which his daughter Ella owned until her death.

With characteristic energy, economy and perseverance, he began the development of the farm, gaining foothold slowly as prices were menial in those days compared to prices of the present day. In 1843 Mr. Risk drove hogs on foot to Burlington, receiving the average price of one dollar and a half per hundred pounds. He then turned his attention to merchandising, establishing a general store in Brighton, but not finding the occupation congenial, he sold the stock, but still remained in Brighton and again engaged in farming for the next three years. On the expiration of that period he went to Chicago and bought another stock of merchandise and in the spring of 1850 started in business again in Brighton and after four years gave his son C. C. Risk a half interest in the stock. It was at this time he assisted in organizing The National Bank, the first bank of Brighton, now known as the State Bank of Brighton. He was chosen its first president and established it upon a safe and conservative basis. He owned and operated the Merrimac mills for some time, also purchased the Manhattan mills in Keokuk county, and in 1867 he sold his son, C. C. Risk, a half interest. They then run the store, carding machine and gristmills together. In 1868 he sold the balance of his interests to C. A. Bryan. After disposing of the mills he

turned his attention to the cultivation of a tract of land for some time and subsequently retired.

In all of his business affairs he was very successful, gaining the greater part of his prosperity after locating in Brighton. He regarded real estate as the safest of all investments, and from time to time purchased property until he became the owner of a large tract and from his property interests derived a substantial income.

He possessed unqualified business honor, to which he held with the greatest tenacity, never sacrificing the truth in the slightest degree in any business transaction. He was thoroughly just and expected the same treatment of others. As the years went by great changes occurred and in the work of general improvement Mr. Risk always bore his full share. As the country became more thickly settled and the red people went to reservations in the west, the white men transformed this into a district the advantages, opportunities and improvements of which are equal in every respect to those found in the older settled states of the east.

In his political views Mr. Risk was formerly a democrat, but his father-in-law, George Roberts, a staunch republican on the tariff question, convinced Mr. Risk that the republicans were on the right side, and from that time on Mr. Risk was a staunch republican until his death.

He was reared in the faith of the Presbyterian church, giving liberally to the support of the cause of Christianity, at one time paying off the last payment of the mortgage on the Methodist Episcopal church of Brighton, of which his wife was a member. He withheld his endorsement from no movement which he believed would prove of benefit to the community, his efforts being attended with effective results, not only because he possessed the determination that enabled him to carry forward to successful completion whatever he undertook, but also because his name was an influencing factor in public affairs.

When he passed away November 12, 1900, his death was the occasion of deep and widespread regret. The words of the Philosopher "An honest man is the noblest work of God," is a well merited encomium of his life.

His wife, who bore the maiden name of Susan H. Roberts, was born in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, June 18, 1814. They were married in Muncy, Pennsylvania, in 1837, and for more than six decades they traveled life's journey happily together, being separated by the death of Mr. Risk. The mother survived for about four years and passed away December 9, 1904. They were the parents of nine children; Sarah C., who is the widow of William Brier, deceased, and resides near Bloomfield, Iowa; C. C., who has been engaged in the mercantile, milling and stock business in Fairfield, Iowa; George, who died at the age of twelve years; Jennie, the wife of Gilbert Lowe, a retired farmer living in Webster, Iowa; Rosetta, who died when two and one half years of age; Clara, deceased wife of Oscar De Long of Wright, Iowa, Cora R., wife of Joseph W. Stapleton, of Dubuque, who is division superintendent for the Milwaukee Railroad Company; Ella, to whom we are indebted for the material concerning her honored parents; and Minnie R., the deceased wife of Lewis B. Johnson.



After the death of the husband Mrs. Risk and her daughter Ella made their home in Brighton in the family residence. It is a fine and massive brick structure, one of the best homes in Brighton, standing in the midst of four lots constituting a well kept lawn beautifully adorned with trees and flowers.

Since the above sketch was written and order given for portraits by Miss Risk in honor of her father and mother she has answered to the Master's call. While Miss Risk was never a figure in public work she did her ministry in a quiet and unassuming manner, always more thoughtful of others than of herself. She was born near Brighton, September 3, 1851, and died July 12, 1909, in Brighton. She was educated in the public schools of Brighton and after her school days still remained with her parents, and at the death of her father, cared for her aged mother and looked after the business interests for different members of the family as well as her own, which she continued to do until the time of her death. The deceased was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Brighton. She was an enthusiastic worker as one of the trustees of the Ladies' Cemetery Association of Brighton when it was organized. Although of a quiet nature, she always had a pleasant word for her friends. She died suddenly while apparently in good health and she will be greatly missed in the community.

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#### WILLIAM VINCENT.

William Vincent, who devotes his time and energies to general farming, having a rich and productive tract of land of one hundred and sixty acres in Seventy-Six township, is numbered among the native sons of this county. His birth occurred in Washington township on the 22d of June, 1846, his parents being John and Jane (McCullough) Vincent, who were natives of Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, and Green county, Ohio, respectively. The father, a son of James and Charity Vincent, was born April 8, 1796, while the mother's birth occurred March 4, 1810. Arriving in Iowa in April, 1842, he rented land for two years and then entered the old homestead of two hundred acres, upon which he continued to reside until called to his final rest. He was not only penniless when he reached this state but had incurred an indebtedness of forty-eight dollars and it was only his lack of funds that prevented him from returning to the east for he felt homesick and was discouraged by the outlook presented here in the conditions of pioneer life. However, he faced the situation, began developing his farm and as the years passed invested more and more largely in land until he was eventually able to give to each of his children eighty acres, while at his death the old homestead property of two hundred acres was divided among them. All of this land he had entered from the government for one dollar and a quarter per acre. His labors were an important and effective force in promoting the agricultural progress and development of this part of the state. He exercised the right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the repub-

lican party and he and his wife held membership in the United Presbyterian church. While returning from a visit to their children in October, 1876, they were struck by a passing railroad train and both were killed.

William Vincent spent his youthful days in his parents' home and the public schools afforded him his educational privileges. He was early trained to the work of the farm and became familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops so that he was well qualified to carry on farming on his own account when he started in business life for himself subsequent to his marriage. He chose as a companion and helpmate for life's journey Miss Melvina M. Cherry, a native of Ohio. Her parents came to this county in 1860. Her father, who was born in 1818, died in 1895, having long survived her mother, who was born in 1817 and passed away October 6, 1876. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Vincent were born six children, of whom three are yet living: Frank and Robert, both at home; and Melda, the wife of John Weekley, who resides upon her father's farm and assists him in its operation.

Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Vincent began their domestic life on their present farm, which then belonged to his father and later became his property on the division of the estate. Here they have lived continuously since, Mr. Vincent giving his undivided time and attention to the further development and cultivation of the place, which comprises one hundred and sixty acres of land. The soil is very rich and good harvests are annually gathered for Mr. Vincent is practical in his methods of tilling the soil. He does not hesitate to adopt any new measure or method which he believes will be of real value in his work and his well directed labors and energies have brought him substantial success. He endorses the republican party by his ballot at the polls and has served for several years as a member of the school board. He has also acted as supervisor and his official record has been characterized by unflinching loyalty to duty. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and are numbered among the county's well known and highly respected citizens.

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#### WARREN L. BISHOP.

Warren L. Bishop, who is conducting a feed yard in Wellman, was born in Cedar township, this county, on the 4th of April, 1868, and is a son of Sanders E. and Mary E. (Livingston) Bishop. His youthful days were spent under the parental roof. He remained at home until twenty-one years of age and acquired his early education in the public schools. He early became familiar with the duties and labors of the farm from the time of early spring planting until crops were harvested in the late autumn and when he attained his majority he rented the old homestead, which he continued to cultivate and improve until 1908. In 1900, with the money which he had carefully saved from his earnings he purchased eighty acres on section 8, Cedar township, and with characteristic energy began to develop his own

property, cultivating it successfully until December, 1908. At that date he built a feed yard in Wellman, one hundred and twenty feet square, and removed to the city, where he has since conducted business, having a gratifying and growing patronage at this point.

Mr. Bishop was married in 1901 to Miss Anna L. Armacost, who was born in Ohio in 1877. Her parents are still living and make their home in Appanoose county, Iowa. They had a family of four children, including Mrs. Bishop, who by her marriage has become the mother of three children: Hilma, born November 24, 1903; Florence, who first opened her eyes to the light of day on the 21st of October, 1905; and Hugh A., whose birth occurred March 1, 1909. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bishop are consistent and faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church and his political support is given to the democracy. He has served as road supervisor and was a member of the school board for two terms. He is always interested in matters relative to the public welfare and especially in anything which relates to the progress and upbuilding of his native county, within whose borders he has spent his entire life. Industry and perseverance have ever been numbered among his salient characteristics and have brought him whatever measure of success he has enjoyed in his business career.

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#### L. E. NAGLEY.

The farming interests of this state have always been in the hands of energetic and enterprising men and the soil has graciously responded to their efforts, surrounding those who have trusted to it with a measure of prosperity which enables them to enjoy the comforts of life with no fear for the future. Among those who have been successful in tilling the soil here is L. E. Nagley, who operates a valuable farm in Washington township. He is a native of Madison county, Ohio, born May 11, 1862, and a son of William and Mary (Bradley) Nagley. His father, who is also a native of that county, removed to Kirksville, Missouri, in 1865, and there he engaged in general agriculture until he departed this life three years later. He was a distant relative of General Nagley, who lives in Moberly, Missouri, at the advanced age of ninety-seven years. The mother of our subject was also born in Madison county, Ohio, where she was married, and she passed away at Piqua, that state, in 1900, her remains being there interred. She had three children, namely: L. E.; William Harley, a restaurant keeper of Arkansas; and F. I., and agriculturist of that state. Upon the death of her husband, Mrs. Nagley wedded G. W. Looney, by whom she had four children: George, an agriculturist of Miami county, Ohio; L. W., who follows farming in Piqua, that state; William, a telegraph operator residing in Indiana; and Earl, a veterinary surgeon of Piqua, Ohio.

In his native town L. E. Nagley was accorded the advantage of an education in the common schools and remained under the parental roof until he was twenty-five years of age. At that period of his life he commenced farm-

ing, which occupation he has since pursued with the exception of six months spent as a clerk in a general merchandise store. To this county he came in 1888, locating on one hundred acres of land in section 1, Washington township, upon which he has made all of the present improvements, his farm receiving excellent attention and indicating that its owner is thrifty and progressive. He follows general farming, raising various crops and also engaging in stock-breeding, raising cattle and hogs in particular. He also carries on a lucrative shipping business.

In 1888 Mr. Nagley was united in marriage to Miss Ida A. Phillips and they have one daughter, Mary Ethel, who lives with her parents. Mr. Nagley's political views are with the republican party and he is loyal to its candidates particularly at national and state elections, and, taking quite an interest in local affairs, he has served the township as trustee for the past seven years. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America and also to the Methodist Episcopal church, of which his wife and daughter are also members, and he deserves mention among Washington township's representative men.

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### JACKSON ROBERTS.

On the honor roll of Washington county appears the name of Jackson Roberts, who for many years was a leading lawyer of the city of Washington and also one of the prominent and influential representatives of the republican party in this portion of the state, his qualities as a man and citizen gaining him warm friendships and kindly regard, and there were many who received with deep regret the news of his demise, feeling that fate should have rendered him many more years.

Mr. Roberts was a native of Groton, Vermont, born May 9, 1836. He was a direct descendant of Governor Thomas Roberts, the last colonial governor of New Hampshire, whose ancestors came to this country on the vessel Ann in 1623. He was reared at the Vermont home in the association of a family of brothers and sisters, the surviving members of which are: Mrs. John Plummer, of Lenox, Iowa; Mrs. John Witcher, of Passumpsic, Vermont; J. H. Roberts, of Hastings, Nebraska; and Dr. T. G. Roberts, of Chicago. His home was amid the Vermont hills and one of his earliest teachers was D. N. Richardson, afterward editor of the Davenport Democrat, who in writing of Mr. Roberts many years afterward said: "I best remember him as a boy of fourteen when he came to my school forty-seven years ago—remember him best at the blackboard, where he never seemed to lose his head or become confused but was always cool and self-possessed; never assuming to know anything unless he was quite sure that he knew it and could explain it in chalk. He was not a boisterous, egotistical youth and I always liked him for methods and manners in school; have respected him always and hoped that he would somehow arrive at the farthest allowable milestone post on the road to the far off beyond."



He supplemented his early educational advantages by study in Peacham Academy and in Bath Academy, at Bath, New Hampshire. Thus Jackson Roberts passed from youth to early manhood but long ere he had attained his majority he had become an active factor in the world's work in his home locality. He was but sixteen years of age when he began teaching and his wife's first two terms of school were under his instruction. He taught for six winters before he was twenty-one years of age, his work covering the range from the district school to the academies. In the fall of 1855 he went to La Crosse, Wisconsin, where he engaged in teaching and saved a portion of his earnings. On his return to New England he engaged in clerking in a store but in 1857 accompanied his brother Daniel to California. They made the trip by way of the isthmus route, setting sail in September, and for eight years thereafter Jackson Roberts was engaged in mining and other pursuits in California and Nevada. He became an influential factor in those mining communities and was called to public office, serving as justice of the peace and as judge of the court of sessions. In later years he filled the offices of mayor, alderman and coroner in Iowa, and at no time was the trust reposed in him ever betrayed. He was always loyal in his citizenship and whether in office or out of it sought the best interests of the community.

It was on New Year's day of 1867 that Mr. Roberts was united in marriage to Miss Margaret J. Gibson, who was born in Ryegate, Vermont. Her paternal ancestors came to this country with a Scotch colony in 1774. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Roberts were born three children: Ida C., Frank W., and Carl J. The last named wedded Maud A. Hoover, of Ypsilanti, Michigan, and they have one child, Mary, who is with them in their pleasant home in Washington.

For thirty years Jackson Roberts was a resident of Washington. After coming to this city he engaged in the grocery business for some time and during that time utilized his leisure hours in reading law until he was qualified for and secured admission to the bar in 1876. He then entered upon the practice of the profession and for a long period was recognized as an able and successful lawyer, preparing his cases with great thoroughness and care and presenting them with clearness and precision. He also handled considerable real estate. While engaged in the grocery business he began buying furs and the success which he won in both lines enabled him from time to time to invest in town property. Later he began buying farms and eventually became the owner of twenty-two hundred acres of land lying in Washington, Louisa and Kossuth counties, of Iowa. He also had one hundred and sixty acres of land in Nebraska and his holdings of this character returned to him a very substantial annual income and made his real estate a valuable one.

At all times, from the organization of the party, Jackson Roberts was a stalwart advocate of republican principles, believing firmly in the party platform. He was confident that it contained the best elements of good government and he never failed to give it his stalwart support. He was intensely interested in the currency campaign of 1896 when Bryan promulgated his doctrine of bi-metalism and the free coinage of silver at a ratio of sixteen to one. In that campaign he made frequent addresses throughout the county

and his logic was strong and convincing. He was a genial companion, humorous, witty and entertaining, and could tell and appreciate a good story. Out of business hours, when he gave himself up to frolic he was full of a hearty boy's love of fun and turned an humorous eye on every incident. His continuous good nature made him a valued companion in all circles. He was also a man of wide information, ever finding time for reading and study, and it has been said that he was the best read man in Washington county. Although reared in the faith of the Universalist church he afterward expressed his belief in the evangelical doctrines. Death came to him May 24, 1897, after an illness of about six months. From the beginning of his sickness he seemed to feel that the end was near and faced the situation with the same spirit of courage and determination that characterized him in every department of life. He had a strong personality and marked individuality and a splendidly developed mind. The language of Shakespeare was as familiar to him as was the discourse of the present day and the classic quotations of the master bard of Avon continually enriched his conversation. He was a prominent representative of the Masonic fraternity, having been made a Master Mason at North San Juan, Nevada county, California, in the early '60s, when he was initiated into Manzanita Lodge, No. 104. He advanced to the Knight Templar degree in Bethlehem Commandery, No. 45, K. T., and was its prelate for about twelve years. He also held a number of other offices in the order and was in hearty sympathy with the beneficent spirit of the craft. The earthly pilgrimage of Jackson Roberts was ended when he had reached the age of sixty-one years but his memory will be cherished for long years to come, while his influence will remain as a factor in the lives of those with whom he was brought in contact. Mrs. Roberts and her family make their home in Colorado Springs.

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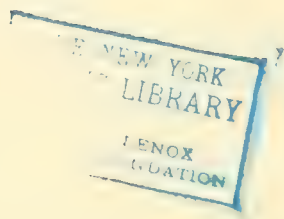
#### GEORGE H. PAUL.

George H. Paul, capable of managing affairs of great breadth, is now president of the George H. Paul Company. He is yet a young man, having not yet completed a third of a century, but a strong purpose, clear insight and initiative spirit have carried him into important relations until he is today at the head of the most extensive emigration business in the United States. He has been and is distinctively a man of affairs and one who wields a wide influence.

Washington county has reason to be proud to number him among her native sons. He was born on a farm in Oregon township, May 6, 1877, a son of James and Sarah E. (Stewart) Paul, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of Iowa. His paternal grandparents spent their entire lives on the Emerald isle but in 1836 James Paul crossed the Atlantic to the United States, establishing his home in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, where he lived for a number of years. On the 11th of April, 1859, he came to Washington county, Iowa, being at that time twenty-three years of age.



Gen. H. Paul





He took up one hundred and sixty acres of government land in Oregon township which he immediately placed under the plow and as the years went by he brought his fields under a high state of cultivation, continuing the management of his farm until 1891, when he retired from active life and took up his abode in Washington, where he died May 13, 1895, when eighty years of age. He had long survived his wife who died in 1881. Both were members of the United Presbyterian church and were consistent Christian people. Their family of four children included three sons and one daughter, namely: William E., of Ainsworth, Iowa; Samuel S., also residing near Ainsworth; Mary Evelyn, the wife of Charles Anderson, residing near Washington; and George H.

George H. Paul was reared in Washington county on the home farm to the age of fifteen years and attended the district schools. Later he was employed at farm labor by the month for seven years and it has been characteristic of him throughout his entire life that he has never failed in the performance of any duty devolving upon him but has displayed marked industry and enterprise in all of his undertakings, whether working for himself or in the employ of another. After seven years spent as a farm hand he was married and established his home in Washington, where he conducted a dairy business for about eighteen months. He afterward engaged in clerking in a grocery store for a year and spent the succeeding year in agricultural pursuits. At the end of that time he turned his attention to the emigration business and has gradually reached out in this line, constantly expanding his interests, until today the George H. Paul Company is controlling the most extensive business of the kind in the entire country. He has agents all over the United States, his force of representatives numbering about seven hundred. He owns one thousand acres of land in Washington county and has land in all of the central and some of the southern states. He conducts excursions twice each month to the gulf coast of Texas and is doing a most important work in promoting the settlement and improvement of the west. On the 5th of January, 1909, he took to Texas the largest emigration train that was ever moved under one management. On that occasion twelve coaches—ten Pullmans and two hotel cars—beside a dining car and baggage car, altogether making a solid vestibule train of fourteen cars, proceeded to the Lone Star state with four hundred home-seekers aboard, nearly all of whom came from points outside of Texas. There was one car each from Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; Chicago, Illinois; Muscatine and Des Moines, Iowa; Omaha and Lincoln, Nebraska; and four from Kansas City, Missouri. On that occasion Mr. Paul's sale of land amounted to nearly five hundred thousand dollars. He handles only property the value of which he himself knows, and, realizing the advantages and natural resources of the great west, he is doing a most important work in advancing the settlement of regions west of the Mississippi and is playing a most prominent part in shaping the history of this great section of the country. In connection with the excursion which he took south on the 5th of January, 1909, the Corpus Christi Caller said: "During the last two days the people of Corpus Christi have had an opportunity to observe and feel the tremendous influence a great

organization can exert for the development of a section of country upon which it concentrates its efforts. The land agent in these days is second only to the railroad as a promoter of progress. When the railroad has made accessible a desirable section of country the land agent brings in people and makes it to blossom as a rose. What the George H. Paul Company has done and is now doing for this section constitutes a splendid example of the land agent as a developing factor. It also shows what can be accomplished by means of highly perfected organization. The George H. Paul Company is unquestionably the most perfect and powerful organization of its kind in the United States and the people of this section, and particularly of Corpus Christi, may count themselves as exceedingly fortunate that this locality is the scene of its activity. No individual, organization or institution is doing so much for the development of this section and the growth of Corpus Christi as is the George H. Paul Company. It is deserving not only of the hearty cooperation, but of the gratitude as well of every citizen of Corpus Christi."

On the 24th of July, 1899, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Paul to Miss Eva J. Hunter, a daughter of Albert and Sarah E. (Ingersoll) Hunter. They now have two interesting children, Maurice Hunter and Dwight Harvey. The parents are members of the First United Presbyterian church, in which Mr. Paul is serving as a trustee. They are also prominent socially, the hospitality of the best homes of Washington being most freely accorded them, while their home is the center of a cultured society circle. In politics Mr. Paul is a republican, but the honors and emoluments of office have no attraction for him, even if his business left him leisure for participation in political activity. In all personal relations he is modest and unassuming but in business life is most progressive and enterprising. A man of well balanced activities and powers, he inspires confidence in others and is capable of mature judgment of his own capacities and of the people and circumstances that make up his life, contacts and experiences. He is eminently a man of business sense and easily avoids the mistakes and disasters that come to those who are liable to erratic movements, resulting in unwarranted risk and failure. Viewing the record of the country in a day when scientific investigation has made known the wonderful possibilities of the great west, one is thrilled by the story of an individual who has taken so active, prominent and helpful a part in promoting, developing and shaping the history of this great country.

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### JAMES JONES.

James Jones is engaged in business as a dealer in lumber and building materials in the village of Brighton, which enterprise his industry and good management have so extended until the volume of trade he handles makes the concern one of the largest and most prosperous of the kind in this part of the state. He was born in Clay township, this county, January 2, 1862.

a son of John Wesley and Melissa Jane (Davidson) Jones. His father, a native of Washington county, Pennsylvania, came here about 1856, locating in Clay township, where he resided until 1885, and then removed to Linn county, Missouri, where he pursued general agriculture until death called him, July 27, 1908, being laid to rest in that place. The family came originally from Wales and he belonged to the third generation in this country. Politically he was a republican, having voted for Abraham Lincoln, and after marking his first ballot was always loyal to the candidates of his party and an ardent admirer and supporter of Theodore Roosevelt for the chief executive office of the land. His wife, who was born in Hardin county, Ohio, near Bellefontaine, where they were united in marriage, still survives, residing at Tarkio, Atchison county, Missouri. In their family were twelve children, namely: Margaret, deceased, who was the wife of George Hyde and the mother of eight children; Arabella, the widow of A. H. Waterhouse, whose farm lies five miles west of Brighton; Mary Ella, the wife of D. H. Hosick, of Jennings, Oklahoma; James; John C., who departed this life in 1901; Anna Matilda, the wife of William Neal, residing in Linn county, Missouri; William Elmer, who passed away in infancy; Emma, deceased; Helen, who married E. W. Wise, of Tarkio, Missouri, and died April 9, 1909, leaving a son two years old who now makes his home with our subject; Eddie, who passed away in infancy; Hester Agnes, the wife of Ralph McCormick, residing on a farm in Linn county, Missouri; and Isaac Wilfred, who died in his fourteenth year.

James Jones was reared to agricultural pursuits, acquiring his education during his boyhood days in the district schools. He resided upon the home farm, assisting in its various duties, until he was married, at which time his capital consisted of but two dollars. He rented a farm for about four years and during that time his incessant application and enterprise won him the success that enabled him to lay by sufficient means with which to buy eighty acres of land in Penn township, Jefferson county. This he still owns and was actively engaged in its operation until six years ago, when he removed to the village of Brighton, where he purchased the lumberyard formerly owned by R. H. Pringle. At once he turned his energies toward developing the business and his trade grew so rapidly that he was compelled to seek larger quarters. He purchased his present location in 1907, to which he moved his entire stock of lumber, having razed the sheds and other buildings which were originally on the property and constructed new ones, at the same time erecting for himself an elegant residence in which he lives. His business has proved very profitable, and since commencing the enterprise his accumulations have gradually increased until now he owns two fine dwelling houses, the property upon which he conducts his business and a number of valuable building lots. Moreover, he possesses a half interest in the old homestead in Missouri and owns a farm of eighty acres in Penn township, Jefferson county, Iowa. He conducts his business under the firm title of the Jones Lumber Company, which is the only enterprise of the kind here, and he carries a full line of building materials for inside and outside work and various kinds of roofing and fencing materials.

In 1885 Mr. Jones was united in marriage to Miss Sarah A. Baldersen, a native of Lincolnshire, England, who came to Washington county with her parents when she was five years of age. To them have been born two children, Linna Rha, the wife of Albert C. Saunders; and Bertha, deceased.

Mr. Jones has been a life-long supporter of the republican party, finding in its principles those policies which he deems fully adequate to enhance and promote the business interests of the country, and since casting his first vote has always been a loyal supporter of its candidates. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he is a leading member, serving on the board of trustees, and as a business man he is entitled to honorable mention as a representative citizen of the community.

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### ALBERT HUNTER.

Albert Hunter is now living retired in Washington in the enjoyment of well earned rest but for many years was closely associated with farming interests and contributed in large measure to the agricultural development of this county. He started upon life's journey in Knox county, Ohio, September 5, 1845, being one of the eight children of John and Elizabeth Ann (Paul) Hunter, who were natives of Ohio and Virginia, respectively. The paternal grandfather, George Hunter, was a native of Scotland but the opportunities of the new world attracted him and he became one of the early settlers of Ohio, where he was long associated with farming. He married Martha Conner and they reared several children. George Hunter died when past middle life while his wife reached an advanced age. Their son, John Hunter, also chose agricultural pursuits as his life work and, feeling that the new and growing state of Iowa offered attractive opportunities, he arrived within its borders about 1850, locating at Danville, where he remained for a number of years. His last days, however, were passed in New London. For several years he survived his wife who died at the age of thirty-nine years. She was a daughter of William and Jane (Locke) Paul, both of whom lived to a ripe old age. Her father was a native of Virginia, served as a soldier of the war of 1812 and followed the occupation of farming as a life work. Both Mr. and Mrs. John Hunter were consistent members of the Methodist church and their many good qualities won for them the esteem and high regard of all with whom they came in contact. Their children were as follows: Martha, the deceased wife of David McDonald; William, who has also passed away; Mary, who died unmarried; Albert, of this review; Adeline, the deceased wife of Absalom Hite; Margaret, the wife of A. C. White, of Battle Creek, Michigan; Maria, the wife of Hiram Kinkle, of Woodland, California; and Harriet, deceased.

Albert Hunter was a little lad of five years when he came with his parents to Iowa, being reared on the home farm in Des Moines county, during which time he attended the district schools after arriving at the usual age. He was



but nine years of age at the time of his mother's death and he then went to live with his grandfather with whom he continued until the fall of 1861, when he enlisted for service in the Civil war as a member of Company E, Fifteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, with which he served for three years and nine months. He was a youthful patriot of but sixteen years at the time of his enlistment. On one occasion he was struck by a spent ball but was not seriously injured. He served with the rank of sergeant and participated in the battles of Shiloh, Corinth, Iuka, Vicksburg, the entire Atlanta campaign, the memorable march to the sea under Sherman and many skirmishes. He was in the grand review in Washington, the most celebrated military pageant ever seen on the western hemisphere. Though young in years no veteran of twice his age was more loyal to the interests of the Union.

When the war was over Mr. Hunter returned to Des Moines county, Iowa, where he engaged in farming, but later resided for a short time in Page county, Iowa, and then removed to New London, Henry county. He continued his residence there for a few years and subsequently removed to Louisa county, where he purchased eight acres of land. That place was his home for about twenty-two years, during which time he added eighty acres to the original tract while in his farming operations he met with gratifying success, placing his fields under a high state of cultivation. In 1896 he removed to Keokuk county, and in 1899 came to Washington county, living near Ainsworth, where he owned a farm of one hundred and sixty acres. Since 1901, however, he has maintained his residence in the city of Washington, for his activity in former years brought to him a substantial competence releasing him from the necessity of former business activity save the care which he gives his investments.

In October, 1869, Mr. Hunter was married to Miss Josephine Klingman, a daughter of Cyrus and Emma (West) Klingman. They became parents of a son and a daughter: Tennis W., a resident farmer of Washington township, who married Ella Glaze and has four children: Geneva, Clifford, Willard and Mary; and Jessie E., the wife of Samuel Baird, living on a farm near Ainsworth, by whom she has one son, Homer. The wife and mother, Mrs. Josephine Hunter, passed away in the '70s, and on the 19th of April, 1879, Mr. Hunter was again married, his second union being with Miss Sarah E. Ingersoll, who was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, a daughter of William and Nancy (Cooper) Ingersoll, who were also natives of the Buckeye state and came to Iowa in 1847, settling near Burlington, where her father died in 1880 at the age of seventy-one years, while her mother passed away in 1876 at the age of sixty-three years. They were the parents of eleven children, who reached adult age: Mary, the deceased wife of Isaiah Groves; Keziah, the wife of William Blair; Louisa, the deceased wife of William Sharp; Edward; William; Sarah E.; Clara, the wife of Jasper Matlock; Philena, the wife of Augustus Eggleston; Ella, the wife of Ransom Gore; Eugenia, the deceased wife of Frank Smith; and Peter. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Sarah E. Hunter were John and Christina (Hill) Ingersoll, the former a native of Ohio and a farmer by occupation. The maternal grandfather, John Cooper, was also born in

Ohio and followed agricultural pursuits. He married a Miss Symmes, who died in early womanhood.

The marriage of Albert Hunter and Sarah E. Ingersoll has been blessed with three children. Eva, the eldest, is the wife of George H. Paul, of Washington and they have two sons, Maurice and Dwight. Mary is a teacher in the Kalona public schools, and Grace is a stenographer. In his political views Mr. Hunter is a stalwart republican and has served as road supervisor and was township trustee and township clerk in Louisa county, Iowa. He has always been loyal in his citizenship, proving as faithful to his country in days of peace as when he followed the old flag on southern battle fields. He belongs to I. G. White Post, G. A. R. and thus maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades. He is a member of the church board and a class leader in the Methodist church, of which both he and his wife are members. Mr. and Mrs. Hunter are both widely known in this county and have an extensive circle of warm friends while the hospitality of the best homes is freely accorded them.

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#### HENRY FRANCIS GRIFFIN.

Henry Francis Griffin, cashier of the Riverside Savings Bank, although a young man, is recognized as a forceful and valued factor in the business life of the community. He was born in Wright county, Iowa, April 27, 1886, and is a son of John R. and Sarah M. (Crosby) Griffin, both of whom were natives of the state of New York where they were reared and married. In 1883 they came to Iowa, settling in Wright county. Henry Griffin, the paternal grandfather of our subject, had acquired extensive land in Wright county in an early day, having purchased it from the government at a dollar and a quarter per acre. For sometime after coming to the middle west, John R. Griffin taught school but later located on the farm where he resided for twelve years. He then removed to Goldfield, where he has in later years been engaged in the grain business. Both he and his wife now reside in Goldfield at the ages of fifty-one and fifty years respectively. Mr. Griffin is a democrat in politics, active in the local ranks of the party, and has capably served as mayor of Goldfield for some years. He has always taken an active interest in educational work and for years served as a member of the school board, his labors in that direction being very effective in furthering the interests of public instruction. He is a member of the Odd Fellows lodge and is one of Goldfield's most prominent, valued and honored citizens. He has two other children besides our subject, namely: Harold W., who is engaged in the lumber business; and Edna L., attending high school.

Henry Francis Griffin was reared at home and was educated in the public schools and at Capital City College in Des Moines. In 1904, when eighteen years of age, he went to Milford, Iowa, where he entered the Milford Savings Bank, but three months later the bank changed hands and Mr. Griffin returned to Goldfield, there accepting a position in the Citizens State Bank.

He remained in that capacity until September 21, 1908, when he resigned to become cashier of the Riverside Savings Bank, in which important position he has since served. He is thoroughly acquainted with the banking business in principle and detail, and his progressive and enterprising spirit are constituting an important element in the successful conduct of the institution with which he is connected.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Griffin is a Mason and in his political views is a democrat. He was holding the office of town treasurer of Goldfield at the time he decided to remove to Riverside, resigning his position in order to carry out his contract with the Riverside bank. He is a representative of the younger generation of financiers in Washington county, imbued with the spirit of modern progress and activity, and it requires no prophetic vision to see that the future holds in store for him still wider opportunities.

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### CHARLES A. TRUMBAUER.

Charles A. Trumbauer, junior partner of the firm of Smith & Trumbauer, hardware merchants, who are conducting business at Keota and at Wellman, Iowa, Mr. Trumbauer being in charge of the store at the latter place, was born in Berks county, Pennsylvania, November 30, 1870. His parents were A. F. and Mary E. (Romig) Trumbauer, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania, where they resided continuously until 1884, and then came to Iowa, locating first in Buchanan county, where the father purchased, cultivated and improved a tract of land. He is now living in Waterloo, this state, but his wife died on the 28th of October, 1896. They were the parents of ten children, namely: Joseph O., of Waterloo, Iowa; Ellen R., the wife of L. A. Megow, a resident of Oelwein, this state; Magdaline, of Lisbon, North Dakota; Charles A., of this review; Clara V., the wife of John P. Clue, of this state; Anna L., the wife of R. Nesbit, making their home in Blackhawk county, Iowa; Katie, the wife of J. D. Martin, residing in Lisbon, North Dakota; James E., also of Waterloo, Iowa, and two died in infancy.

Charles A. Trumbauer was reared under the parental roof, remaining at home until eighteen years of age, when, desirous of providing for his own support, he secured a position at the insane asylum in Independence, Iowa. He worked there as kitchen boy for six months when, realizing the need of further education as a preparation for the practical and responsible duties of life, he entered Central University at Pella, Iowa, and spent three years in study. Thus with broad literary knowledge to serve as the foundation for professional learning, he took up the study of medicine at Keokuk, Iowa, and was graduated from the Keokuk Medical College of that city with the class of 1897.

Mr. Trumbauer located for practice in Harper, Iowa, where he remained for four and a half years and then removed to Keota, where he continued in practice for six and a half years. He then disposed of his practice and

turned his attention to the hardware and implement business in partnership with L. H. Smith, under the firm style of Smith & Trumbauer. They are owners of one large and well appointed store at Keota, also possessing another more extensive store at Wellman. The business is carefully conducted along legitimate lines of trade and their patronage is constantly increasing. Mr. Trumbauer has ever based his principles upon the rules which govern strict and unswerving industry and integrity and by reason thereof he has won substantial and gratifying success. He is not only interested in the two commercial establishments but is also the owner of a large farm of three hundred and fifty-five acres on sections 5 and 6, Lime Creek township, from which he derives a substantial annual income.

On the 25th of March, 1897, Mr. Trumbauer was married to Miss Laura L. Bryson, who was born in this county, December 8, 1870, and is a daughter of John K. and Harriet (Bonner) Bryson, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. The parents are now living in Keota, Iowa. Their family numbered six children, including Mrs. Trumbauer, who by her marriage has become the mother of two daughters and one son: Esther L., Oliver M. and Louellen M. The parents are members of the Baptist church and are held in high esteem here by all who know them by reason of their sterling personal worth. Mr. Trumbauer votes with the democracy to which he has given his support since age conferred upon him the right of franchise, but is not an office seeker. Fraternally he is connected with Keota Lodge, No. 353, A. F. & A. M. He is a man of energetic and persistent action, swift in his decisions, quick in perception and stable in purpose.

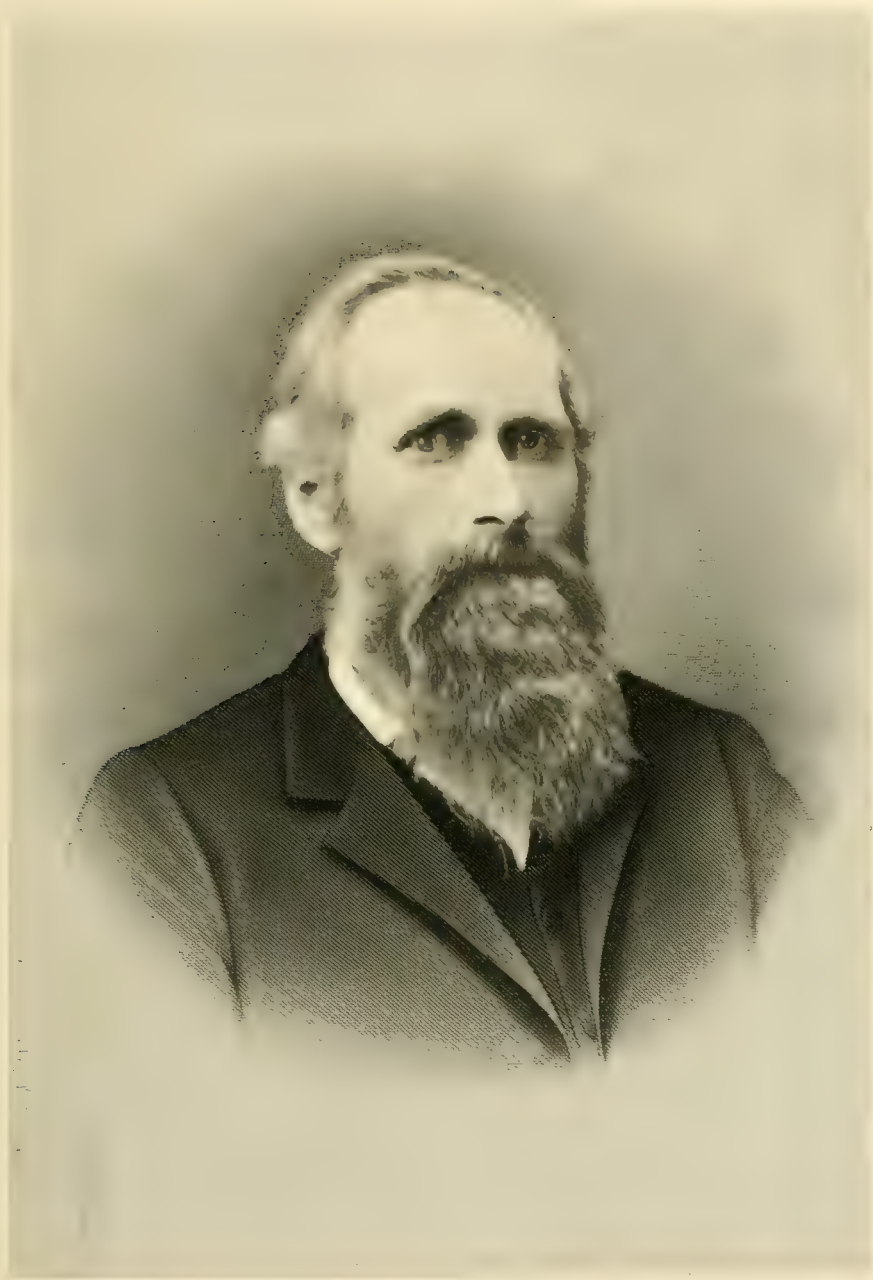
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#### TRUMAN D. BOOTH.

Truman D. Booth, who is remembered for the strong traits of his character as well as by the fact that he lived continuously for thirty odd years on the old Booth homestead, was born in Fredonia, Licking county, Ohio, December 13, 1839, the son of Isaac and Mary Booth. He was still an infant when his mother died and his father removed to Springfield, Illinois, and was but twelve years old when his remaining parent was taken from him, leaving him to the care of his older brother Jacob. About 1852 the two brothers removed to Iowa county, Iowa, where they made a valiant struggle against the obstacles opposing them, which were the greater partly because of their own youth and partly because of the newness of the country, for it was still in the first stages of its development.

In that county Truman Booth was married, May 19, 1863, to Miss Lucy A. Piersal, who bore him four children. The first two died in infancy, but two daughters, Mrs. Daniel Scalf and Mrs. John Ronan, still survive. Mrs. Booth died in March, 1870, leaving her husband with the two daughters who were little more than babes, and on the 17th of the following November he married Miss Emma A. Hartsock. She was born in Johnson county, Iowa, the daughter of Daniel and Eliza (Nelson) Hartsock. The father was a native





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of Pennsylvania, the mother of Virginia; they were married about 1840 and came to Iowa, where in Johnson county Mr. Hartsock took up one hundred and sixty acres of government land. On this he lived for some thirty odd years and contributed his share to the transformation of the conditions and manner of life that has taken place in the interval between that time and this. About 1872 he removed to Washington county, where he bought a small place near Wellman, on which he lived in retirement the remaining years of his life. Seventy-six was the span of years allotted to him.

Of Mr. Booth's second marriage eight children were born. The two oldest boys died before they had compassed the period of youth, but six sons and daughters are still living useful lives. They are: Nettie, the wife of Wesley Lane, of South English, Keokuk county, Iowa; Jasper C., of Dayton, Iowa; Fred, who lives in Chicago; Vernon, who works the home farm; Warren, a carpenter, living at home; and Erma, a graduate of the Wellman high school, who is preparing herself for teaching. Mrs. Booth is a member of the Baptist church and is active in its work. She lives on the home farm of two hundred and forty acres.

Mr. Booth was in his usual health up to October 7, 1901, when he had the misfortune to be kicked in the head by a horse, his face being frightfully crushed. For three months the most intelligent medical and surgical care and the devoted nursing of loving hands did all in their power to relieve his severe pain and save him to many years of usefulness, but it was not so ordered by Divine Providence and on the 23d of January, 1902, he was released from his bed of pain.

At the time of his death Mr. Booth was one of the oldest residents of Lime Creek township, for he had settled on the present Booth homestead in 1869 and had made it his fireside until his death. He was a careful, conservative man, a man who looked life squarely in the face, meeting its problems unfalteringly and honorably, and never turning aside from a duty. He had been a devout Christian for more than thirty years, having been united at first with the Christian church, and affiliated later with the Baptists. In politics he was a staunch republican, but though he never evinced any desire to hold office, he always demonstrated a keen interest in matters of public concern and in good government. In short he was a man whose influence, extended as it was, over a broad period of years, can only have been the very best, and must have left its impress upon the community and the age in the midst of which he lived.

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### CHARLES E. BROWN.

Charles E. Brown, who is successfully and energetically carrying on farming and stock-raising on his well improved and attractive farm of eighty acres on section 24, Jackson township, was born in Washington county, Iowa, on the 24th of August, 1871, his parents being W. E. and Martha Brown. He attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education

and remained at home with his parents until he had attained his majority. Subsequently he operated a rented farm for six years, at the end of which time, by careful expenditure and close economy, he had accumulated sufficient capital to enable him to purchase his present place of eighty acres on section 24, Jackson township. As the years have gone by he has brought the property under a high state of cultivation and improvement and in addition to growing the cereals best adapted to soil and climate, he makes a specialty of raising and feeding stock, both branches of his business proving a good source of remuneration to him.

On the 25th of March, 1896, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Brown and Miss Anna B. Pearson, whose birth occurred in Washington county, December 25, 1869, her parents being Abram and Julia Pearson. A sketch of her father is given on another page of this volume. Mrs. Brown is a graduate of Washington Academy and prior to her marriage taught school for several years. She is now the mother of three children, namely: Lloyd P., who was born December 21, 1897; Donald E., whose birth occurred October 27, 1901; and Lois Hazel, whose natal day was March 10, 1903.

Mr. Brown gives his political allegiance to the democracy and is now serving as school treasurer. Fraternally he is connected with lodge No. 868, M. W. A., at Washington, Iowa. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church at Washington, with which his wife is also identified. They are widely and favorably known throughout the county in which they have spent their entire lives and are numbered among its substantial, representative and worthy residents.

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#### HON. B. F. TIPTON.

No history of Washington county would be complete without extended reference to Hon. B. F. Tipton, one of the venerable citizens of Cedar township who has now passed the eighty-first milestone on life's journey. He has lived in this county for almost six decades, during which period he has not only been a witness to the changes which have occurred and events which have shaped its history, but has borne his full share in the work of general improvement and upbuilding. Loyalty to duty has ever been one of his marked characteristics and as the years have gone by he has left the impress of his individuality for good upon the material, intellectual and political progress of this part of the state. He was born in Franklin county, Ohio, June 27, 1828, a son of Jonathan and Malinda (Denison) Tipton, natives of Ohio and Kentucky, respectively. In the year 1838 Jonathan Tipton removed to Fulton county, Illinois, where he resided until 1851, and then came to Washington county, Iowa. He entered land from the government in Cedar township and for seven years made his home thereon, giving his time and energies to its cultivation and improvement. In 1858 he bought another farm and made it his place of residence up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1883 when he was seventy-nine years of age. His wife long survived him, passing



away in 1901 at the very venerable age of ninety-five years. They were worthy and respected pioneer residents of the county and the efforts of Mr. Tipton constituted a valuable force in promoting the agricultural progress of the community. Unto him and his wife five children were born: Jane, who is now the wife of C. A. Timmons and is living in Cedar township; B. F.; John, now residing in Oklahoma; Mary, the wife of R. C. R. Young, a resident of Idaho; and Martha, the wife of William Mason, of Ottumwa, Iowa.

B. F. Tipton accompanied his parents on their removal to Illinois when a lad of ten years and there continued with his parents until after he attained his majority, and the public schools of Illinois afforded him his educational privileges. He was twenty-one years of age when he was united in marriage to Miss Lucinda Jackson, who was born in Ohio in 1827, a daughter of John and Asenath Jackson. Both of her parents died in Illinois and were laid to rest at Knoxville.

Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Tipton began their domestic life in Illinois where they lived for a year and then came to this county where Mr. Tipton has since made his home. At one time he owned four hundred and fifty-seven and a half acres of land and was extensively engaged in farming, placing his fields under a high state of cultivation and carrying on agricultural pursuits in a most progressive, systematic and prosperous manner. However he has since sold some of his property and has given some of it to his children, so that his holdings now comprise one hundred and thirty acres on section 17, Cedar township. He also made a specialty of raising and feeding stock and found this a profitable source of income, for he handled good breeds of horses, cattle and hogs, and therefore found a ready market when he desired to make a sale. The rich soil of Iowa responded readily to the care and labor which he bestowed upon it as he tilled his fields in the cultivation of his crops. Year by year he gathered abundant harvests and his labor eventually brought to him substantial financial returns. His present condition of prosperity is in marked contrast to his condition at the time of his arrival here. When he entered his land from the government his financial resources were very limited and his first home in the county was a log cabin, covered with a clapboard roof. Years passed and his success enabled him to provide an attractive home for his family supplied with all the comforts that go to make life worth living.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Tipton were born seven children: Israel, now living in Oklahoma; John and Alfonso, who are likewise residents of that state; Florence, the wife of C. C. Gardner, of Wellman; David, living in Wapello, Iowa; Myrtle, the wife of Joseph A. Simerman, a resident farmer of Cedar township; and Hazard, deceased. The wife and mother departed this life March 21, 1900, and was laid to rest in the Lexington cemetery, leaving her husband and six children to mourn her loss. She was a consistent and faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church and her earnest, Christian life gained for her the love and admiration of all who knew her.

Mr. Tipton is also a member of the same church to which he has long been most faithful. He was one of the trustees and at all times he has contributed generously to its support and done all in his power to promote its

growth and extend its influence. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic Post at Wellman, Iowa, being entitled to membership through his three years' service as a soldier in the Civil war. In the early days of the long conflict between the north and the south in the attempt on the one hand to overthrow the Union and on the other to preserve it intact, he joined the boys in blue of Company A, Twenty-fifth Iowa Infantry. He participated in several hard fought battles, was with Sherman on the celebrated march from Atlanta to the sea and yet was never wounded. He delights in meeting with his old army comrades and thus maintains his membership in Wellman Post. In politics he has ever been a stalwart republican from the organization of the party which was formed to prevent the further extension of slavery and which has ever been recognized as the party of progress. He has taken an active interest in its work as a local leader and was honored with election to the state legislature, in which he served during the twenty-first and twenty-second assemblies, being the first man in Washington county that was elected for a second term up to that time. He took an active interest in promoting legislation for the benefit of the general public, supporting various measures which are now found on the statute books of the state. He also served on the school board for several years and the cause of education found in him a stalwart champion. He has made a splendid record in his military and political service and in his business career. In fact, in every relation of life he has displayed the traits of honorable and upright manhood and now, when he has passed the eighty-first milestone on life's journey, he receives the veneration and respect which are ever accorded those who have lived worthily and well.

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#### T. W. HUNTER.

T. W. Hunter is numbered among the enterprising, industrious agriculturists of Washington county, who has devoted his energies to tilling the soil to great advantage and during the brief period in which he has been engaged in agricultural pursuits has met with a full measure of prosperity. His birth occurred in Des Moines county, Iowa, September 24, 1870, and he is a son of A. Hunter, also a native Iowan. His brother-in-law, George H. Paul, is a wealthy and influential real-estate dealer in this locality whose biography appears in another part of this volume.

T. W. Hunter was taken to Louisa county, Iowa, by his parents when he was five years of age and there he attended the district schools where he acquired his education. Being reared upon his father's farm, he early became familiar with the various departments of agriculture. When he was twenty years of age he removed with his parents to this county, where he completed his education by pursuing a course of study in the academy, and he remained upon the home farm assisting in agricultural duties until he was married. He then rented land, which he cultivated for five years, and on the expiration of that time, in 1902, he located on section 1, Washington

township, where he now resides, owning one hundred and twenty acres of land, all of which is highly improved and in excellent condition. He has erected an elegant dwelling house and, his premises, being provided with modern conveniences requisite to pursuing the occupation of farming, it is considered as fine a place as there is in his part of the county. General agriculture demands his attention and, having made a study of soils, he is an expert at the adaptation of his crops and succeeds from year to year, in drawing from the soil the maximum yield per acre. In addition he takes an interest in stock-raising, keeping on hand only thoroughbred specimens and the shipment of cattle is one of the remunerative departments of his business.

In 1896 Mr. Hunter was united in marriage to Miss Ella M. Glaze, and to them have been born five children: Geneva, Clifford, Willard, Mary and an infant daughter, all of whom reside with their parents. Politically Mr. Hunter is a supporter of the republican party, believing in the feasibility of its policies to establish the premanent prosperity of the nation and place its financial system on a firm and solid foundation and consequently he is a loyal supporter of its principles, always casting his vote for its candidates. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church, of which his wife is also a member and, being a man who always endeavors to conduct his life in harmony with the teachings of his Christian faith he entertains the respect of his neighbors and merits enumeration among the representative citizens of the township.

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### SETH HART.

Seth Hart, a retired farmer of Brighton township, this county, now residing in the village of Brighton, has met with splendid success in the pursuit of his chosen occupation, his untiring energy and excellent business judgment having enabled him to acquire a competence that now enables him to live in the enjoyment of well earned rest and at the same time figure prominently in the financial circles of the community as a money broker. His birth occurred in Trumbull county, Ohio, November 9, 1830, and he is a son of Amos and Sophia (Bushnell) Hart. His father, who was a native of Connecticut, removed to Ohio with his parents in the early days and in the fall of 1840 came to Brighton, Iowa. He resided on a farm situated one mile west of the village until death terminated his career. His wife, also a native of Connecticut, whom he married in Ohio, died in Brighton. To them were born seven children: Dennis, deceased; Louisa, widow of William Pringle, a resident of Brighton; Ambrose, deceased; William, a retired agriculturist of Lamoni, Iowa; Seth; Austa, deceased; and Hulda, the widow of George Draper, of Alberson, Washington.

When Seth Hart came to this locality the village of Brighton contained but two residences, the occupant of one of which was a school teacher who conducted a course of instruction at his residence and it was there that Mr. Hart received his education. Under the parental roof he remained, assist-

ing in the duties of the farm until he attained the age of twenty-one years, when he commenced agricultural pursuits on his own account in Clay township, where he won the reputation of being one of the most progressive farmers in the vicinity. Upon that farm he continued until twelve years ago, in the meantime having acquired a very large tract of land. Owing to the ill health of his wife, he then removed to Richland, where he resided with his son for a period of two years, and after the lapse of that time he settled in the village of Brighton, where he has since been living with his niece. During his business career he accumulated a great deal of valuable real estate, all of which he has disposed of and, being one of the most affluent men in his part of the county, he is conducting a money loaning business. Although he has attained the age of seventy-eight years Mr. Hart possesses much of the vigor of his youthful days and is able to transact his business affairs in a shrewd and profitable manner. He has never been compelled to use eye-glasses. He is an interesting conversationalist, his memory being clear, and he can relate the incidents of early pioneer life in this region with uncommon accuracy, delighting to review the events of those days when the Indians roamed throughout this section of the state.

In 1878 Mr. Hart wedded Miss Sarah A. Johnson, and two children have resulted from this union, namely: Lizzie, the wife of Frank Moyer, by whom she has one daughter, Maybell, and a son, Ralph, who is an agriculturist, his farm being located six miles north of Fairfield, Iowa; and Dennis, who wedded Martha Miller, and has two children, Jay, deceased; and Seth Wesley. Dennis Hart is one of the most progressive farmers in Clay township, where he owns above two hundred acres of highly improved land, which he keeps continually under cultivation. In 1898 Mr. Hart lost his wife and her remains were interred in the cemetery in Clay township. Early in life he was affiliated with that political party known as the whigs, upon the dissolution of which he became a republican, and while he has never desired office he has always been a stanch and able advocate of republican principles and a loyal supporter of his party candidates. A member of the Congregational church in Clay township, he is interested in religious affairs, and both as a citizen and business man is worthy of honorable mention for the benefit which has accrued to the community through his energies.

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#### CHAUNCEY E. MYERS.

On the list of officials who have filled the political offices in Washington county appears the name of Chauncey E. Myers and it is associated in the minds of those who know him with creditable service, characterized by promptness and unfaltering fidelity to the interests which he represents. He is now filling the position of county auditor, having been elected to the office in 1906 and reelected in 1908. Highland township, Washington county, numbers him among its native sons, his birth having there occurred August 23, 1872.



His parents were William B. and Julia (Davidson) Myers, natives of Polk county, Iowa, and Venango county, Pennsylvania, respectively. The former was a son of Joseph Myers, who was also born in the Keystone state and in an active business life engaged in stock-raising, trading and farming. He arrived in Polk county, Iowa, in 1848 and the following year came to Washington county, living on Davis creek. He was an important factor in the public development of that locality and served as the first postmaster of the Davis Creek postoffice. Making his home in Iowa township, he there tilled the soil, brought his land under a high state of cultivation and became recognized as a thrifty and progressive farmer. He was three times married, his second wife being Miss Cregg, by whom he had two sons, who were soldiers in the Civil war. One of these lost his life in defending the interests of his country. For his third wife he married Esther Bennett, who belonged to the Crawfordsville family of Bennetts. She died when past middle age and her husband departed this life in 1875 at the venerable age of eighty-three years. To them was born a son, William B., and a daughter, who died in infancy. One son by the first marriage, John G. Myers, figured for a considerable period as the largest and most successful breeder of shorthorn cattle in Washington county and was also an extensive land owner, his holdings aggregating about one thousand acres. He was the first man to import shorthorns into this county and in this way did much to improve the grade of stock.

The maternal grandfather of Chauncey E. Myers was John Davidson, a native of Pennsylvania, who followed the occupation of farming as a life work. He came to Iowa in 1861 and settled in Jackson township, living in this county for about twenty-five years, after which he removed to Taylor county, where he passed away in March, 1909, at the age of eighty-six years. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Hannah Hamilton, died when sixty-five years of age. They were the parents of eleven children, namely: Hamilton, deceased; Julia, the mother of our subject; Jennie, the wife of Russell Davis of Washington; Joseph W.; Flora, the wife of Edgar Hoover; Franklin; Archibald; William; Lillian, the wife of Charles Alcott of Salt Lake City, Utah; Charles, who died when a child; and Verne.

William B. Myers, the father of Chauncey E. Myers, was brought to Washington county by his parents when only a year old. He was born in Polk county, Iowa, June 9, 1848, at which time the present capital city was known as Fort Des Moines, there being little there save the fort which had been built for protection from the Indians. He has lived continuously in Washington county since 1849, making his home now in Cedar township where he has a farm of eighty acres which he improved. He and his wife are members of the Methodist church and their many good qualities have won them the high regard and esteem of those with whom they have been associated. Their family numbers three sons and a daughter: Chauncey E.; Esther G.; J. Wilmot; and Harold.

Chauncey E. Myers, living all his life in Washington county, was reared on the old homestead farm, early becoming familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He pursued his early education

in the district schools and lived at home until he had attained his majority, when he began working by the month, being employed in that way for five years. Desiring to engage in business for himself, he then rented land and for eight or ten years cultivated a farm. In 1906 he was called from private life to public office, being elected county auditor, which position he has filled so satisfactorily that he was reelected in 1908 for a second term. He owns a farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Cedar township and from this property derives a substantial annual income.

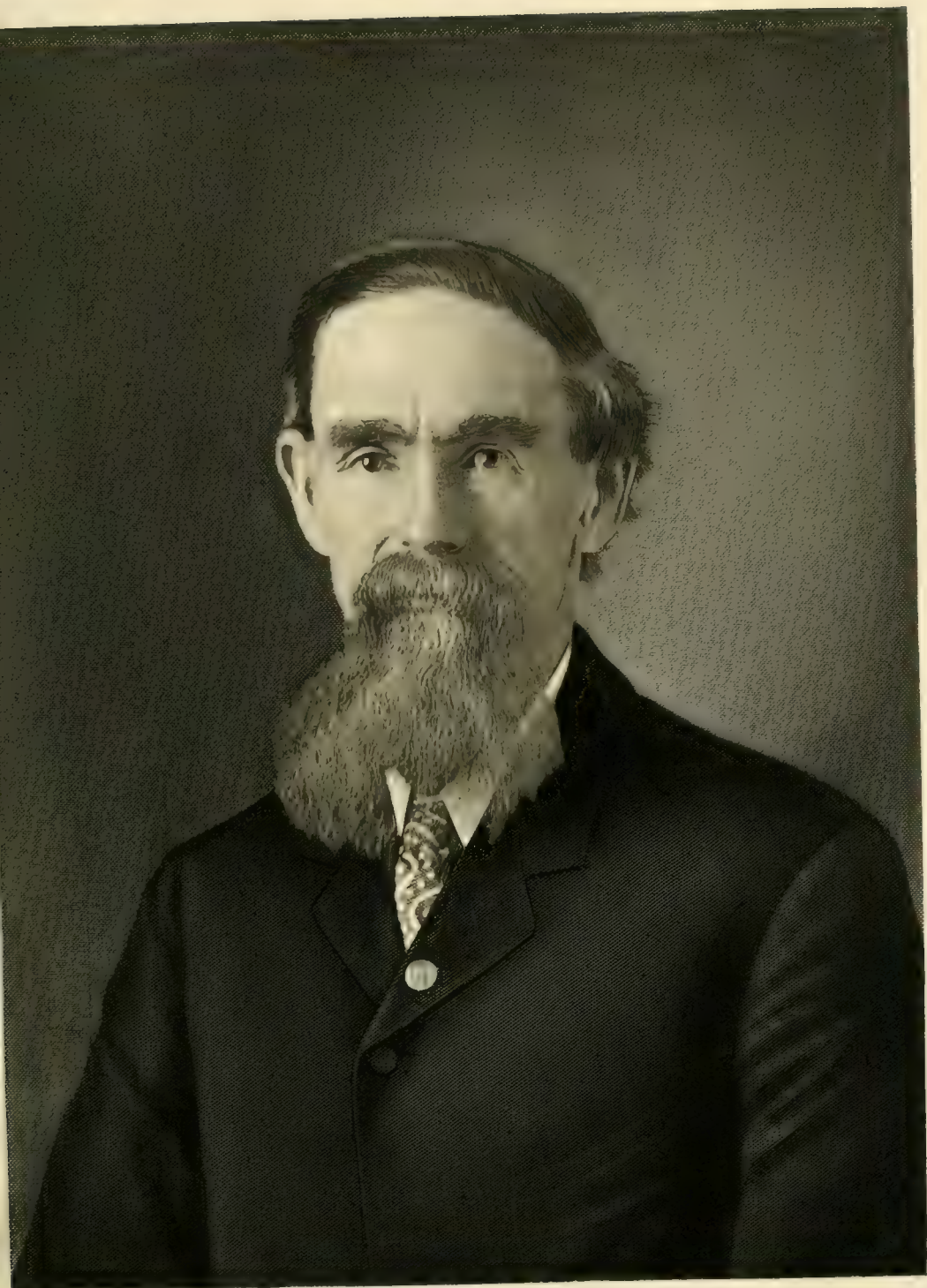
Mr. Myers had previously held public office, acting as clerk of Cedar township for four years, during which period his duties were discharged with promptness and fidelity, his services recommending him to the later political honors conferred upon him. He has always been a stalwart advocate of the republican party, thoroughly in sympathy with its principles and policy. Fraternally he is connected with Washington Lodge, No. 26, A. F. & A. M., Cyrus Lodge, No. 13, R. A. M., and Bethlehem Commandery, K. T., and he likewise belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America. He is well known in Washington county where he has always made his home and where many salient and commendable characteristics have brought him political prominence and also gained for him the trust and good will of those with whom he has been associated.

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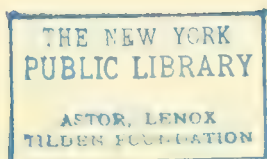
#### I. N. CARR.

I. N. Carr, a well known citizen of Washington county, is numbered among the veterans of the Civil war and in his local relations is connected with agricultural and banking interests. He was born in the state of New York on the 28th of May, 1836, a son of Isaac and Harriet M. (Pinkerton) Carr, both of whom were also natives of the Empire state, the father born in 1809 and the mother in 1812. In the year 1843 they removed westward to Iowa but after two years spent in this state returned to Ohio, where the mother died in 1851. Following her death the father started westward and was never heard from again. Their family numbered four children, namely: Samuel B. is deceased; Delos is a resident of Mexico; Amanda, who died May 28, 1909, was the wife of E. Bradford, who is serving as postmaster of Wellman; and I. N., of this review, completes the family.

I. N. Carr, whose name introduces this record, pursued his education in the common schools and at the age of fourteen years started out in life on his own account, since which time he has been dependent entirely upon his own resources. Whatever success he has achieved and enjoyed—and he is now one of the prosperous retired farmers of Lime Creek township—is attributable entirely to his own labors. He was first employed in a nail factory, where he worked for two years and at the age of sixteen he came to Iowa, where he was employed on a farm until he was twenty years of age. He then purchased a farm in Lime Creek township and made it his home



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continuously until 1898, when he retired from active business cares and removed to Wellman, where he has since resided.

The only interruption to Mr. Carr's active business career came when he offered his services to the government at the time of the Civil war. In the year which witnessed the opening of hostilities between the north and the south he enlisted in defense of the Union, becoming a member of Company F, Eleventh Iowa Regiment of Volunteer Infantry. He served throughout the war, participating in many hotly contested engagements, taking part in the long hard marches and in all of the military movements which constituted the campaigns in which his regiment was engaged. At the close of the war he was honorably discharged at Davenport, Iowa, and returned to Washington county, where he resumed farming, continuing in active connection with the work of the fields for more than three decades thereafter. During that time he brought his land under a high state of cultivation, annually harvesting rich crops of the grains best adapted to the soil and climate. While he is not engaged in business at the present time but is enjoying a well earned rest, he derives substantial income from valuable investments, for he is now the owner of two hundred and eighty-three acres of land in Lime Creek township and also five residences in the village of Wellman. He is likewise one of the directors of the Wellman Savings Bank and is a stockholder in the Bank of Keota, Iowa.

It was soon after his return from the war that Mr. Carr was married on the 21st of September, 1865, to Miss Margaret Taylor, who was born in Lime Creek township, this county, April 18, 1847, a daughter of Harry and Eleanor (Squires) Taylor, who were natives of Tioga county, New York. Her father was born September 10, 1804, while her mother's birth occurred in 1809. They came to Washington county, Iowa, in 1847, Mr. Taylor here entering land from the government. He transformed the wild tract into well improved fields and both he and his wife continued to make their home upon the farm until they were called to their final rest, Mrs. Taylor passing away December 15, 1861, while he died May 1, 1881. In their family were eleven children, of whom five are yet living. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Carr were also born eleven children: David A., a resident of Manitoba, Canada; Roy H., a liveryman of Wellman; Nora Iowa, the wife of Rev. W. A. Swimley, pastor of a church at Sibley, Iowa; Sylvia E., the wife of Dr. J. E. Green, of Grand Junction, Colorado; Ezra D., deceased; Harriet E., the wife of Rev. W. Deyo, the pastor of a church in Chicago; Mary Isabelle, the wife of Ralph B. Hull, of Washington county; Maud B., the wife of Otto Klockenteger, a blacksmith of Wellman, Iowa; Nellie G., who is the wife of W. Palmer and resides in Oklahoma; Victor C., who is employed in the Wellman Savings Bank; and Leslie L., now attending the State University at Iowa City. There are also nine grandchildren.

In his political views Mr. Carr has ever been a stalwart republican and for twenty years has been a member of the school board, doing all in his power to uphold the standard of education. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he is serving as one of the trustees. They take an active interest in the church work and contribute

generously to its support. Their lives have always been in harmony with its teachings and they are people of the highest respectability, honored and esteemed by all who know them. From pioneer times both have been residents of the county and have witnessed much of its growth and development, while in many works of public improvement they have actively co-operated. Mr. Carr well merits the rest which has now come to him as the reward of his persistent and honorable labor in former years.

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#### H. T. D. HENDERSON.

Energetic, industrious and determined, H. T. D. Henderson is classed with the representative farmers of Seventy-Six township, now cultivating two hundred and thirty acres of land. He was born in Madison county, Ohio, October 8, 1855, and is a son of William W. and Priscilla M. (Becks) Henderson, natives of Virginia and North Carolina respectively. They were married in Ohio and began their domestic life upon a farm in Madison county, that state. The mother died there in 1870 and two years later the father came to Iowa.

Mr. Henderson of this review, however, remained in Ohio for six years after his mother's death, working there as a farm hand. He had acquired his education in the public schools and has always lived a life of industry, his persistent purpose and indefatigable labor winning for him steady progress along business lines. In April, 1878, he arrived in Iowa and for four years worked by the month as a farm hand, but desiring that his labors should more directly benefit himself, he rented land which he cultivated in 1883 and 1884. In the following year he worked on the railroad but in 1886 again took up general agricultural pursuits and has carried on farming continuously since. For the past seventeen years he has resided on what is known as the Lois Likens farm in Seventy-Six township. This embraces one hundred and sixty acres of land which he has carefully cultivated, deriving therefrom large crops as the reward for the work he bestows upon the fields. He also rents and farms other land, having now two hundred and thirty acres under cultivation, while in other years he has farmed still more. He has never, during this time, given a note or other security for his rental, as his business integrity stands as an unquestioned fact in his career. The owner of this property lives in Canon City, Colorado, and Mr. Henderson pays the taxes and makes the necessary improvements. He has built a modern barn and after making these changes he sends the remainder of the rental to the owner, who has implicit confidence in his honesty—a trust that has never been betrayed in the slightest degree. In addition to raising the cereals best adapted to the soil and climate, he also raises some of the best shorthorn cattle in this section and his hogs are of the Chester White breed. He is an intelligent and progressive farmer who employs modern methods in carrying on his business affairs and is meeting with substantial success in his undertaking.

In 1882 Mr. Henderson was married to Miss Mary A. Knox, a native of this county. Their children are ten in number, namely: Alna, the wife of Harry E. Huber, of this township; Waldon, at home; Blanche, the wife of W. A. Romine, also of Seventy-Six township; Elsie, Eury, Samuel, John, Velvie, Cora and Warren, all at home. Mr. Henderson exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party and for years has served as a member of the school board but otherwise has never consented to hold office. He and his family are active and faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church and he is now one of its board of trustees. He is a man of sterling worth and upright character—a representative citizen of the county, whose honesty and well directed energy have gained for him a place among the prosperous and valued citizens of the community.

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### MRS. IDA M. DESING.

Mrs. Ida M. Desing, one of the well known and highly esteemed residents of Wellman, is the widow of Henry O. Desing, who was born in Washington county, December 25, 1866, and was a son of Henry and Adeline (Walters) Desing. The parents were both natives of Germany and came to America, locating in Iowa, in early life. Here they resided until called to their final rest and in this state reared their family of seven children.

Henry O. Desing never enjoyed the educational privileges offered by the common schools but was self-educated and when not busy with his text-books he worked on his father's farm, early becoming familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. On attaining his majority he resolved to make the occupation to which he was reared his life work and therefore carried on general agricultural pursuits, bringing his fields under a high state of cultivation, his energy and industry enabling him to annually harvest good crops as a reward for his strength and enterprise. In his political views he was a stalwart democrat but was never an office seeker, preferring to concentrate his time and energies upon his business affairs which were capably managed and brought to him a gratifying measure of success. In all of his business dealings he was honorable and upright, so that he left to his family the priceless heritage of a good name as well as a comfortable competence. His death was the occasion of deep regret throughout the entire community, for all who knew him entertained for him warm regard. It was in 1894 that Mr. Desing was united in marriage to Miss Ida M. Fetrow, who was born in York county, Pennsylvania, in 1871, a daughter of Abel and Mary J. (Pennybaker) Fetrow. Her parents were both natives of Pennsylvania who, removing westward in 1881, became residents of Iowa. In the year 1897 they removed to Washington county, settling in Wellman where the death of the father occurred in 1902, his remains being interred in the Ida Grove cemetery. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Fetrow were six children: Anna, now deceased; Harry J., who is living in Wright county, Iowa; Emma, who has departed this life; Mrs. Desing; and Charles and

Jennie, who have likewise passed away. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Desing were born two children. Mable O., who was born August 25, 1895, is now attending high school and Fred F., who was born March 14, 1897, is also in school.

Mr. Desing was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and was true and loyal to its beneficent teachings and its spirit of brotherly kindness. He died February 28, 1909, leaving a widow and two children to mourn his loss, while many friends shared in their sorrow. Mrs. Desing and her children now make their home in the village of Wellman. She is the owner of one hundred and ten acres of valuable land in Line Creek township and six acres within the village limits. She also has a store building in Wellman and two fine residences, one of which she occupies, while the other returns to her a good annual rental. She is a lady of many attractive social qualities and has an extensive circle of warm friends.

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### SAMUEL H. BEAR.

Samuel H. Bear, who carries on farming and stock-raising on his place of one hundred and sixty-six acres on section 11, Cedar township, was born in Washington county, Iowa, on the 10th of August, 1848, his parents being Gideon and Mary (Guinn) Bear. The father, who was a native of Pennsylvania, came to Iowa in 1837, being the third white man in Washington county. He entered the farm on which his son, Samuel H., now resides and remained one of the substantial and respected citizens of this county until called to his final rest in 1884. The demise of his wife occurred in 1893. Unto this worthy couple were born thirteen children, eight of whom still survive.

Samuel H. Bear remained under the parental roof until he had attained the age of twenty-one years, when he started out in life on his own account as an agriculturist, which line of activity has since claimed his time and energies. For the past twenty-four years he has owned his present farm of one hundred and sixty-six acres on section 11, Cedar township, and in addition to tilling the soil he has made a specialty of raising and feeding stock to some extent. In all of his undertakings he displays good management and practical methods and has long been numbered among the prosperous, progressive and representative agriculturists of his native county.

In December, 1868, Mr. Bear was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Bowersox, who was born in Union county, Pennsylvania, and accompanied her parents on their removal to Stephenson county, Illinois, where the family remained for ten years. In 1865 they went to Keokuk county, Iowa, where Mr. and Mrs. Bowersox continued to reside until called to their final rest, the former passing away May 18, 1896, while the latter died March 14, 1899. Their family numbered twelve children, six sons and six daughters, seven of whom are yet living. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Bear have been born eight children, namely: Bertha D., whose birth occurred December 12, 1869, and who passed away May 3, 1881; Charles H., born December 10, 1871, who follows



farming in Cedar township; Mary P., who was born April 9, 1874, and died March 1, 1889; Clara A., born March 17, 1876, who passed away October 3, 1878; Anna E., who was born June 8, 1878, and is now the wife of T. C. Reeves, of Cedar township; Myrtle E., whose birth occurred April 4, 1880, and who is now the wife of M. E. Booth, of Washington county; one who died in infancy; and Tessie L., born January 31, 1891, who is at home.

In his political views Mr. Bear is a republican, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Baptist church, to which the different members of his family also belong. A resident of the county throughout his entire life, he has seen the raw prairie converted into rich farms, in the midst of which towns and cities have sprung up, bringing industrial and commercial development. All through the years he has been an exemplary citizen and wherever known he is honored and esteemed.

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### CHARLES A. DEWEY.

Charles A. Dewey, capably and satisfactorily filling the office of county attorney, was born September 11, 1877, in Washington, Iowa, where he yet makes his home. Comparatively little is known about the remote ancestry of the Dewey family. The grandfather was a farmer by occupation and died in Cuyahoga county, Ohio, when past middle life. He married a Miss Baldwin and her death occurred in 1908 when she was eighty-eight years of age. They reared a large family, the living representatives being: Oliver, a resident of Ohio; Hulda, the wife of Dr. Jenkins, of San Diego, California; Luna, who married and lives in San Diego; and Mrs. Cassie Joris, also of San Diego.

To this family also belonged Judge Almon R. Dewey, father of Charles A. Dewey. He was a native of Ohio and served in the Civil war as a private in two enlistments. Following the cessation of hostilities he came to Washington, Iowa, and for a time lived with his uncle, Ralph Dewey, who was one of the pioneer residents of this city and a very prominent and influential man, serving at one time as mayor of Washington and again as county clerk. He studied law in the office of Colonel Hiram Scofield until he had sufficiently mastered the principles of jurisprudence to pass the required examination for admission to the bar. Entering upon active practice in Washington he made continual progress in his professional career until his ability won him the honor of an election to the district bench. He served as judge for twelve years, his course on the bench being characterized by a masterful grasp of every problem presented for solution. His decisions were strictly fair and impartial, winning him the respect and approval of the members of the bar and of the general public. He was one of the distinguished representatives of the Masonic fraternity, becoming one of the early members of the lodge in Washington and an organizer of the other branches of Masonry here. He was honored with state offices, becoming a past grand master, a past grand high priest and past grand commander. His death occurred April 15, 1905.

when he was sixty years of age and Washington county thereby lost one of its most valued and honored citizens, who was ever fearless in conduct and stainless in reputation. Both he and his wife were devoted members of the Methodist church. Mrs. Dewey bore the maiden name of Sarah Rousseau and was a native of Iowa. Her father, Dr. W. H. Rousseau, was born in Kentucky and became an early resident of Washington, Iowa, where he practiced medicine for many years. He was twice married, his first wife being the mother of Mrs. Dewey. His death occurred about 1883 when he had reached an advanced age. Judge and Mrs. Dewey had but two children, the elder being Mrs. Mabel Brooking, the wife of J. C. Brooking, of Pueblo county, Colorado.

Charles A. Dewey was reared in Washington and acquired his education in the public schools of this city and in Oberlin (Ohio) Academy, from which he was graduated. He afterward pursued a two years' course in the law department of the University of Iowa, at Iowa City and was admitted to the bar in the spring of 1901, since which time he has continuously practiced his profession. He has been accorded a liberal clientage, connecting him with much important litigation tried in the courts of the district. For four years he filled the office of city attorney and in November, 1908, was elected county attorney, which position he is now filling in most acceptable manner.

At the time of the Spanish-American war Mr. Dewey offered his services to the government and was made corporal of his company. His political allegiance has always been given to the republican party which finds in him a stalwart champion. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and is prominent in Masonry, belonging to Washington Lodge, No. 26, A. F. & A. M.; Cyrus Chapter, No. 13, R. A. M.; Bethlehem Commandery, No. 45, K. T.; and Kaaba Temple of the Mystic Shrine. His entire life having here been passed he has many friends and enjoys the warm regard of all who know him.

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### COLONEL S. W. BROOKHART.

Colonel S. W. Brookhart, the senior partner of the old firm of S. W. & J. L. Brookhart and prominent as a representative of the Washington bar, was born in Scotland county, Missouri, February 2, 1869, his parents being Abram C. and Cynthia (Wildman) Brookhart, who were natives of Ohio and Indiana, respectively. The former was a son of Abram Brookhart, whose birth occurred in the Buckeye state. He came of German-Swiss ancestry and devoted his life to agricultural pursuits. The maternal grandfather, James Wildman, was also a farmer and for a short time served as a soldier of the Civil war in response to the first call. Abram C. Brookhart also made farming his life work and, on leaving his native state, removed westward, living for a time in Missouri and afterward one season in Minnesota prior to coming to Iowa in 1879. On reaching this state he settled in Jefferson county for

five years, whence he removed to Van Buren county, where he lived for twenty-two years. In 1906 he arrived in Washington county and purchased a farm of ninety acres in Washington township, where he now resides. For a little more than three years he was a soldier of the Seventh Missouri Cavalry, serving among others under General Steele. Unto him and his wife were born ten children, six sons and four daughters: Smith W., Newton D.; James L.; Odes E.; Della E.; George W.; Myrtle, the wife of George Poole; May, now Mrs. James Quinn; Thompson L.; and Lillian.

In taking up the present history of Colonel S. W. Brookhart we present to our readers the record of one who occupies a prominent place in the public regard by reason of his ability in his chosen profession and his loyalty to the interests which best conserve the general welfare. He lived in Missouri until nine years of age and afterward spent one summer in Minnesota, coming thence to Iowa with his parents, the remainder of his minority being passed on the home farm in this state. His early education, acquired in the country schools, was supplemented by study in the Bloomfield high school and by a scientific course in the Southern Iowa Normal. He was graduated from the last two and made a wide study of modern languages out of school. This together with broad literary knowledge to serve as a foundation upon which to rear the superstructure of professional learning, he took up the study of law, reading for a year at Bloomfield and later at Keosauqua. In October, 1892, he was admitted to the bar upon successfully passing an examination before the supreme court and the same year began practice in Washington, where he has since continued. In 1898 he admitted his brother J. L. Brookhart to a partnership and the firm is connected with much of the important litigation tried in the courts of the district. Colonel Brookhart is very thorough, careful and painstaking in the preparation of cases. His knowledge of the law is accurate and comprehensive and his trial of a case is characterized by a strong and forceful logic, while he never loses sight of the common sense that appeals to all men. Aside from his profession he is a director in the Farmers & Merchants Bank and is the owner of considerable stock in the George H. Paul Land Company.

Pleasantly situated in his home life Colonel Brookhart was married on the 22d of June, 1897, to Miss Jennie Hearne, a daughter of Samuel Hearne. They have four sons and one daughter, Charles Edward, John Roberts, Samuel Colar, Smith W., and Florence Hearne. Mrs. Brookhart is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Colonel Brookhart belongs to the Knights of Pythias fraternity and in politics is a progressive republican, interested in the success and growth of right principles. He was elected to serve as county attorney for six years save for a period of six months when he resigned and enlisted in the Spanish American war, becoming second lieutenant of Company D., Fiftieth Iowa Regiment. After the war he reorganized that company as captain and continued in command for three or four years. He was afterward appointed by Governor Cummins as colonel and general inspector of small arms practice for the state and later was reappointed to the same position by Governor Carroll and is still at the head of this department. He was one of the pro-

moters and is a director in the Washington Commercial Club and is a factor in many of the movements as well as business interests which have had to do with shaping the policy and molding the destiny of the county in recent years. In all he does he is actuated by a desire for the public good and his labors have been effective in attaining desired results. He is, however, preeminently a lawyer with deep interest in the science of jurisprudence, familiar with the law and with precedent and standing as a strong conservator of the liberties and rights of the people through the medium of his profession. At the same time he is not blind to the faults and technicalities of the law and one can not be found who is more alert for reform and progress. His chief diversion is military affairs and he takes great interest in the improvement of rifle practice in the Iowa National Guard by the most scientific and practical instruction. He has developed a state rifle team that now holds a place in the first division of the national rifle matches and is looking to greater advancement in the future.

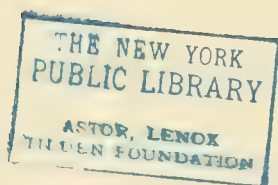
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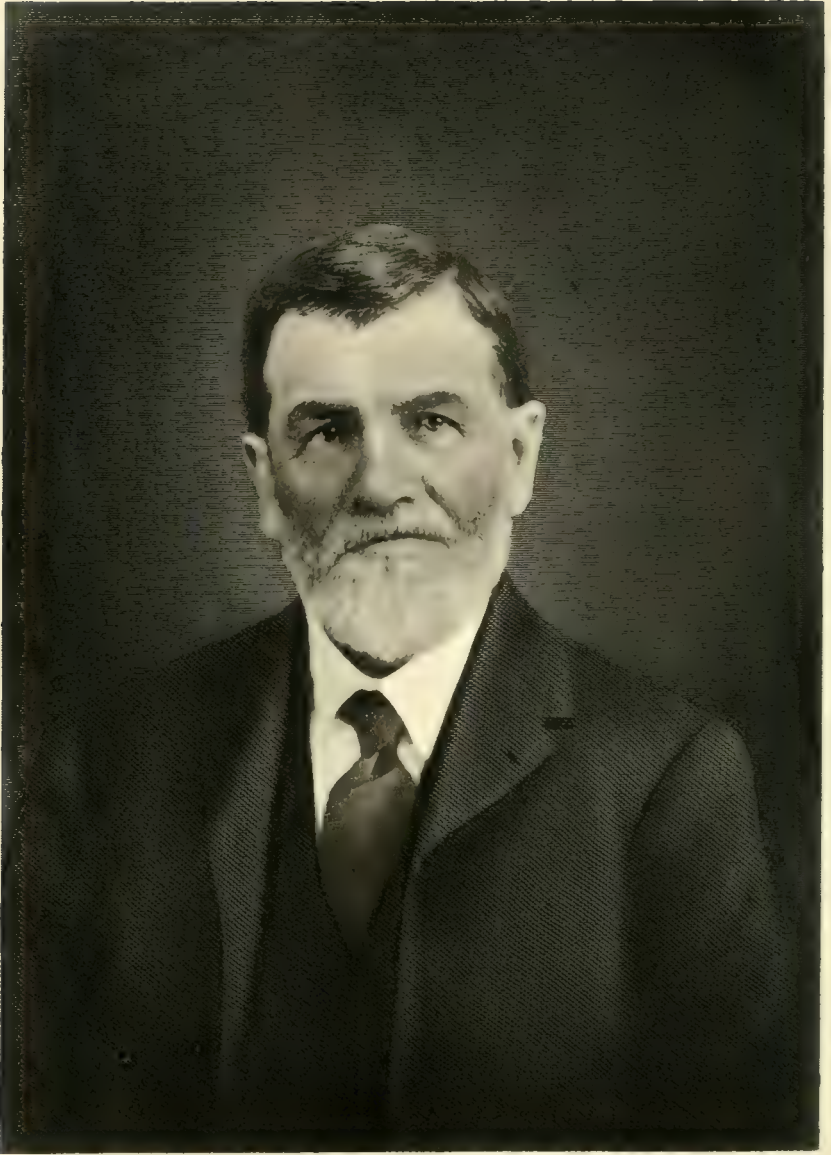
#### THOMAS SINGMASTER.

There is probably no country house in Iowa that surpasses the palatial residence of Thomas Singmaster—built in the old colonial style and supplied with every modern improvement and equipment. A capitalist, Mr. Singmaster is nevertheless an active factor in the business interests of the state, standing as a most prominent representative of the stock-breeding interests of Iowa. What he has accomplished represents the fit utilization of his innate talents and powers. He is well known as a man stable in purpose, quick in perception, swift in decision and energetic and persistent in action, and his labors have had direct result upon the prosperity of the commonwealth in that his business has been an element in improving the grade of horses raised in this state, classes being materially advanced in consequence thereof.

The life record of Mr. Singmaster began in Perry county, Pennsylvania, on the 20th of September, 1840, his parents being Samuel and Mary (Suesholtz) Singmaster, who were likewise natives of the Keystone state, born in Lehigh and Berks county, respectively. The father's birth occurred April 11, 1807, and in his native county he was reared, there making his home until 1836, when he came to Iowa on a prospecting tour. This state was then under territorial rule and the work of progress and improvement had scarcely been begun save for the settlements that had been made along the river. On that trip he purchased three hundred and twenty acres of land in Keokuk county, but after a short time he left the west and returned to his Pennsylvania home. The memory of this district, however, came to him, proving irresistibly attractive, and two years later—in 1839—he returned to Iowa and made permanent location upon the property which he had previously purchased in Keokuk county. The land was wild and uncultivated, but with characteristic energy he took up the task of transforming







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the virgin prairie into productive fields. His means at that time were limited and he endured all of the hardships and privations common to pioneer life. At times he met with the success that usually attends untiring energy and perseverance, and again he suffered the disappointments that seem inevitable in establishing a home in a new country, far removed from the comforts and conveniences of the older east. A few years after he had come to Iowa his home was destroyed in a hurricane and in 1860 his barn and all of his machinery were totally lost in a disastrous fire. He did not allow these things to discourage him, however, his losses proving rather as an impetus to renewed effort and, placing his dependence upon honest labor, close economy and indefatigable energy he not only acquired a handsome competence but was fortunate in securing a large share of this world's goods as the years passed by. From time to time, as his financial resources permitted, he made investments in land, until he was the owner of over two thousand acres of valuable property, most of which was well improved. In his later years he made a specialty of importing Clydesdale and Norman horses and in that branch of his business he was very successful. He was one of the first men in Iowa to import and introduce thoroughbreds and he deserved much credit for advancing the high standard of the Iowa horses. His life record stands as a splendid example of what may be accomplished through persistent, unfaltering effort, and his history proves conclusively that success and an honest name may be won simultaneously. He gave his political allegiance to the republican party, but did not seek nor desire the emoluments of office. He died in April, 1898, and Iowa thereby lost one of her representative men, one who had been a most prominent factor in promoting the agricultural progress and consequent prosperity of the state.

Thomas Singmaster was brought to Iowa by his parents during his first year and was reared in Keokuk county, acquiring his education in its public schools. From early manhood he was closely associated with his father in his extensive farming and horse-breeding operations, and during the later years of the father's life he retired somewhat from active business so that much of the management of his affairs devolved upon his son Thomas, who in this way became closely connected with his father's success. Although he is today numbered among the wealthy men of this portion of the state he by no means relegates the care of his affairs to others, but gives general supervision to all his manifold interests, his plans and his judgment constituting the guiding forces in their control.

Following his father's death, Mr. Singmaster was married, December 6, 1900, to Miss Catherine Kaufman and for two years they remained on the old homestead. In March, 1903, they removed to Keota, where Mr. Singmaster purchased a residence, and in 1905 he began the erection of his present home, which without exception is the finest residence in either Washington or Keokuk counties. It is of palatial dimensions, built in the old colonial style, is finished throughout with hard wood and supplied with all of the modern improvements, accessories and conveniences. Its furnishings are all that wealth guided by cultured taste can suggest. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Singmaster has been blessed with two daughters and a son,

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the virgin prairie into productive fields. His means at that time were limited and he endured all of the hardships and privations common to pioneer life. At times he met with the success that usually attends untiring energy and perseverance, and again he suffered the disappointments that seem inevitable in establishing a home in a new country, far removed from the comforts and conveniences of the older east. A few years after he had come to Iowa his home was destroyed in a hurricane and in 1860 his barn and all of his machinery were totally lost in a disastrous fire. He did not allow these things to discourage him, however, his losses proving rather as an impetus to renewed effort and, placing his dependence upon honest labor, close economy and indefatigable energy he not only acquired a handsome competence but was fortunate in securing a large share of this world's goods as the years passed by. From time to time, as his financial resources permitted, he made investments in land, until he was the owner of over two thousand acres of valuable property, most of which was well improved. In his later years he made a specialty of importing Clydesdale and Norman horses and in that branch of his business he was very successful. He was one of the first men in Iowa to import and introduce thoroughbreds and he deserved much credit for advancing the high standard of the Iowa horses. His life record stands as a splendid example of what may be accomplished through persistent, unfaltering effort, and his history proves conclusively that success and an honest name may be won simultaneously. He gave his political allegiance to the republican party; but did not seek nor desire the emoluments of office. He died in April, 1898, and Iowa thereby lost one of her representative men, one who had been a most prominent factor in promoting the agricultural progress and consequent prosperity of the state.

Thomas Singmaster was brought to Iowa by his parents during his first year and was reared in Keokuk county, acquiring his education in its public schools. From early manhood he was closely associated with his father in his extensive farming and horse-breeding operations, and during the later years of the father's life he retired somewhat from active business so that much of the management of his affairs devolved upon his son Thomas, who in this way became closely connected with his father's success. Although he is today numbered among the wealthy men of this portion of the state he by no means relegates the care of his affairs to others, but gives general supervision to all his manifold interests, his plans and his judgment constituting the guiding forces in their control.

Following his father's death, Mr. Singmaster was married, December 6, 1900, to Miss Catherine Kaufman and for two years they remained on the old homestead. In March, 1903, they removed to Keota, where Mr. Singmaster purchased a residence, and in 1905 he began the erection of his present home, which without exception is the finest residence in either Washington or Keokuk counties. It is of palatial dimensions, built in the old colonial style, is finished throughout with hard wood and supplied with all of the modern improvements, accessories and conveniences. Its furnishings are all that wealth guided by cultured taste can suggest. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Singmaster has been blessed with two daughters and a son,

Mary Eva, Margaret Lillian and Thomas Clarence. Not only by reason of its commodiousness, its rich furnishings and attractive surroundings, but also owing to its warm-hearted and generous hospitality is the Singmaster home a notable one in this part of the state, a cordial welcome being extended to all their many friends.

Since his father's death Mr. Singmaster has continued the breeding of thoroughbred Percheron, French draft and Shire horses, all registered stock. On his farm he now has one hundred and forty head of the best animals that have been bred in the state and he is also feeding one hundred head of cattle. In the spring of 1909 he sold five mares to one man for four thousand dollars, and he owns the stallion that took the first premium at the Iowa state fair in 1908. He has recently received an importation of forty Percheron mares from France. He owns more than three thousand acres of land and with the exception of the tract of two hundred and forty acres in Nebraska the entire amount lies in the richest agricultural section of Iowa—and Iowa stands first among the agricultural states of the Union. Aside from his farming and stock-raising interests he is a director in the State Bank of Keota, a director in the First National Bank of Richland, Iowa, and a stockholder in the Harper National Bank, of Harper, Iowa. His name has ever been an honored one on commercial paper and his business policy is one which will bear the closest investigation and scrutiny.

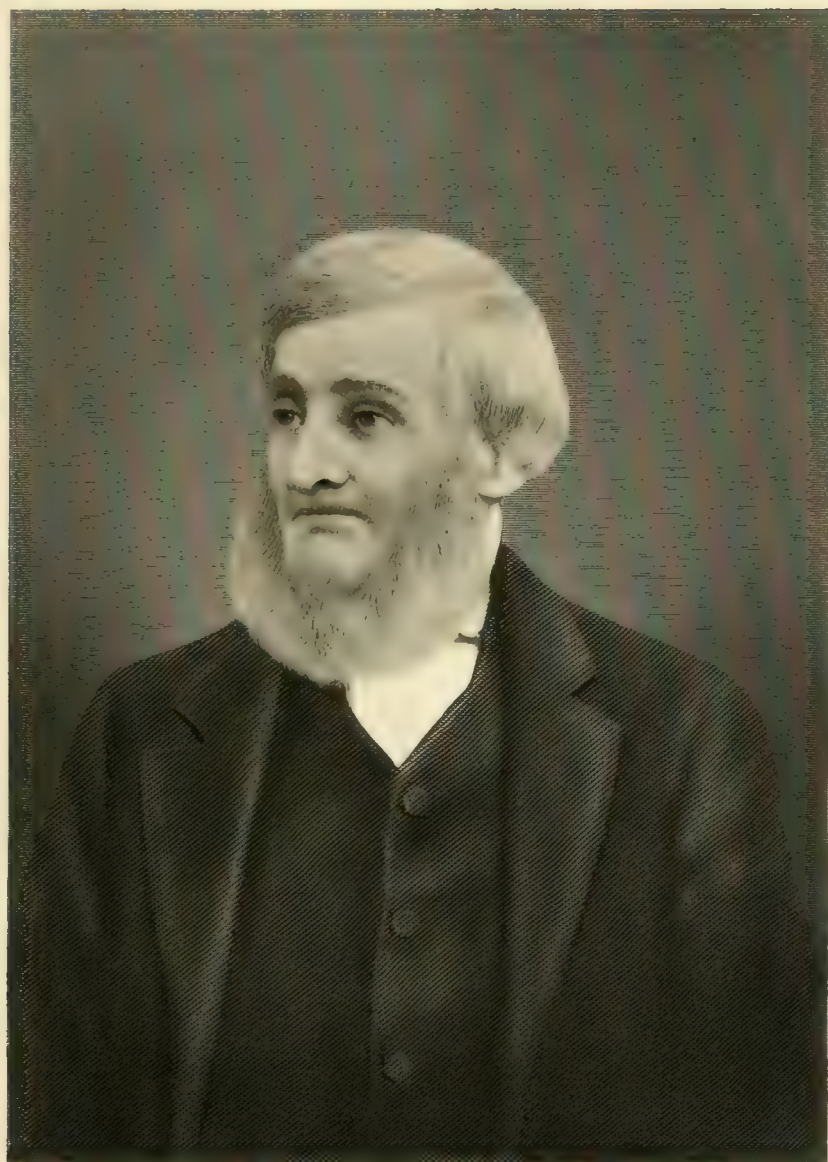
In his political views Mr. Singmaster is a republican and in religious faith his wife is a Catholic. He attributes much of his success to the aid and encouragement of his estimable wife, who is a lady of refinement and culture, occupying a prominent position in social circles. Although his business interests have been so extensive Mr. Singmaster has never had a lawsuit and has never foreclosed a mortgage on a poor man. He is not only entitled to a prominent mention in this volume from the fact that his career has been attended with a notable measure of success, but also because of the fact that his labors have constituted an important element in the state's progress in stock-breeding interests. He is also an advocate of improvement and advancement along many other lines, giving hearty cooperation to measures for the best interests of the commonwealth. He stands today as a high type of American manhood and citizenship, alert, energetic and determined, so utilizing his opportunities that public progress as well as individual interests have been greatly conserved thereby.

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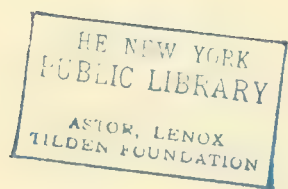
#### A. L. HAMILTON.

A. L. Hamilton needs no introduction to the readers of this volume for he is widely known throughout the middle west and, in fact, in other sections of the country as a breeder of thoroughbred horses, making a specialty of heavy draft stock. He has been aptly termed a man of purpose and the story of his life is the story of thrift and enterprise, intelligently directed. He is a resident of Seventy Six township and it was there that his birth



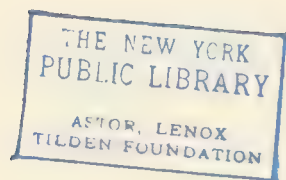


SAMUEL SIGMASTER





RESIDENCE OF THOMAS SINGMASTER.





occurred September 6, 1883. His father, R. M. Hamilton, who was his predecessor in business and a man of wide renown in that connection, was born in Clinton county, Indiana, February 29, 1840. He was a son of John and Susan (Bennett) Hamilton, the former born in North Carolina in 1804. As a young man he removed to Ohio and following his marriage he and his wife began their domestic life in Preble county, that state. About 1830 they removed to Indiana and were residents of Clinton county until 1855, when they went to Mercer county, Illinois, and afterward to Warren county, in the same state, the death of John Hamilton there occurring in 1878.

R. M. Hamilton was reared in his father's home and acquired a common-school education. He was just twenty-one years of age at the time of the outbreak of the Civil war and in the opening year of hostilities between the north and the south he offered his services to the government and on the 16th of August was enrolled as a member of Company A, Thirtieth Illinois Infantry, to serve for three years. After the expiration of that term he returned to the north and spent one winter at home, but in the spring of 1865 re-enlisted, becoming a member of Company K, Forty-third Illinois Regiment. He was with that command until the close of the war and was honorably discharged in November, 1865.

When the country no longer needed his military aid R. M. Hamilton returned to Mercer county, Illinois, where he engaged in farming. On the 4th of January, 1870, he married Miss Josephine Cabeen, and in that spring they removed to Iowa, taking up their abode in Seventy-Six township, Washington county. Here Mr. Hamilton first purchased forty acres of land on which stood a small, frame house, containing only two rooms. In 1874 he sold that property and bought sixty acres to which he afterward added another sixty acre tract, living upon that farm until 1890, when he purchased and removed to his present home place that contains two hundred and sixty acres and is one of the best improved farms in Washington county. He has gained a wide reputation as a breeder of horses, having raised some of the finest draft horses in the state. He has likewise been extensively engaged in the raising of Aberdeen Angus cattle and it has been through his livestock interests that he has largely won the success which is today his and which now enables him to practically live retired. Handling stock of the highest grades he has become widely known in this connection, his business interests being of the most important character. He has done not a little to improve the grade of stock raised in this part of the state and has thereby materially advanced prices.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Hamilton were born nine children: Ralph, who is a druggist of Keota; Clara, the wife of Dr. A. J. Droz, of Keota; John, who is conducting a drug business in Keota; Margaret, at home; Effie, the wife of William Holmes, of Keota; Arthur L., of this review; Nora, the wife of James O'Laughlin, of Seventy-Six township; Merle, at home; and Frank, living in Knoxville, Iowa. The parents are both members of the United Presbyterian church and Mr. Hamilton is a stalwart republican in politics. Moreover, he is numbered among the substantial and valued farmers and citizens of Washington county—a man of splendid business ability,

whose activity has won him success in which the community has indirectly shared.

A. L. Hamilton pursued his literary education in the public schools and his business training under the able guidance and direction of his father, who instructed him concerning the breeding of thoroughbred horses. At the age of twenty-one years he began the breeding of thoroughbred heavy draft horses and his judgment in business matters of this connection proved so sound that in 1906 his father made him his successor in business. He is well known as a breeder and raiser of fine horses and has handled some of the best stock in Iowa. He sold draft horses as high as fifteen hundred dollars for a pair and he likewise handles fancy driving horses, manifesting his keen judgment and discrimination in his selection of good animals. His valuation of the horses is regarded as authority on the subject and he stands as one of the foremost representatives of this line of business in his native county.

Mr. Hamilton is also well known and popular in social circles and is a valued member of West Chester Lodge, K. of P. He also belongs to the United Presbyterian church and gives his political support to the republican party. Those who know him find him a genial, courteous gentleman, and one whose good qualities are widely recognized by his many friends.

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### J. H. ROMINE.

J. H. Romine is ranked among the self-made men of Washington county who, through their indefatigable energy and untiring perseverance, have without any special favoring advantages at the start made their way to positions of comparative affluence and prosperity. He is engaged in agricultural pursuits in Seventy-Six township, this county and has become recognized as one of the substantial and representative citizens of the community in which he resides. He was born in Fulton county, Illinois, August 30, 1844, a son of L. B. and Elizabeth (Taylor) Romine, natives of Ohio and Indiana respectively. The parents removed to Illinois in the '30s and thence to Iowa, arriving in Washington county in 1856. Here he purchased property upon which he resided until his death, which occurred in 1888. The mother still survives and resides in Seventy-Six township at the age of eighty-six years. In their family were twelve children, namely: Harriet, the wife of J. V. Housel, residing in Nebraska; Catharine, deceased; Malinda E., the widow of Henry Desing; J. H., of this review; Eliza J., the deceased wife of George Y. Dusenberry; Charles L., residing in Seventy-Six township; Joseph F., living retired in Keota, Iowa; Rachel A., the wife of Alfred Dusenberry, of Washington county; William E., a resident of Lime Creek township, this county; Mary, deceased; N. E., of this township; and Mahala F., the wife of C. E. Beatty, of Washington, Iowa.

The youthful days of J. H. Romine were passed in the acquirement of an education as a pupil in the common schools of the neighborhood in which

he lived. He remained under the parental roof until eighteen years of age, when, in response to his country's call for aid, he enlisted as a member of Company H, Second Iowa Infantry, and served for two and a half years as a loyal defender of the Union cause. He saw much active service and although he participated in several hotly contested battles was never wounded. He was with Sherman on his famous march to the sea and at the close of his term of enlistment was honorably discharged at Davenport, Iowa.

Returning to Washington county, Iowa, Mr. Romine became identified with farming pursuits. For a few years he rented a farm and then purchased eighty acres of land, which tract constitutes a part of his present farm. He carefully cultivated that tract, saved his earnings and from time to time added to his holdings until today he is the owner of five hundred and sixty acres of as good farm land as can be found anywhere in the state of Iowa. A fine grove surrounds the substantial buildings which he has erected upon the farm and everything about the place indicates thrift and progress upon the part of the owner. Aside from his agricultural pursuits he has made a specialty of raising and feeding cattle and hogs, and in this branch of activity is meeting with substantial success. As he has prospered he has extended his business interests and is **today well known in financial circles** of Wellman as the president of the Wellman Savings Bank, which office he has held for nine years.

Mr. Romine has been twice married, his first union being with Miss Martha A. Frits, a native of Dubuque county, Iowa. Her birth occurred in 1844 and she was one of a family of eight children whose parents are now deceased. The wedding was celebrated in 1866 and unto this union were born two children: William L., identified with mercantile business in Wellman, Iowa; and Kinney N., deceased. The wife and mother passed away in 1869 and in 1877 Mr. Romine was again married, the lady of his choice being Miss Nancy C. Cochran. She was a native of Ohio. Her parents, who are yet living, now reside in Norton county, Kansas. In their family were eight children. By her marriage Mrs. Romine became the mother of six children, as follows: Leonora A., the wife of C. W. Taylor, of Murray, Iowa; E. F., residing in Seventy-Six township; Morris E., also of that township; Essa Iris, a graduate of the Quincy College; Opal R.; and Jessie H., deceased.

The parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and take an active interest in the work of the church. They are well known in the social circles of the community and the hospitality of the best homes in the township is freely accorded them. Mr. Romine has retained pleasant relations with his old army comrades through his membership in the Grand Army Post, No. 112, at Wellman, Iowa, and takes great delight in the camp fires of that organization. For thirty-five years he has served as a member of the school board and the cause of education has found in him a stalwart champion. He has always been a staunch advocate of the republican party and although the honors and emoluments of office have had no attraction for him, he is never unmindful of the duties and obligations, as well as the privileges of true citizenship and takes an active interest in all matters per-

taining to the material, financial, intellectual and moral growth of the community. His has been a life of continuous activity in which he has been accorded due recognition of honest labor. He has utilized the opportunities that were his to the best of his ability and his success has come to him not through speculation or through any fortunate combination of circumstances but has resulted from his perseverance, his wise investments and his habit of carrying forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes.

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### WILLIAM STEINER.

William Steiner is numbered among the valued citizens of this county that Germany has furnished to Iowa and in his life he exemplifies many of the sterling traits of the Teutonic race, being a man of persistency of purpose and of well known reliability. He was born September 26, 1833, in the fatherland and his parents, Peter and Emma (Henn) Steiner, were also natives of that country. In 1850 they came to America, first locating in the state of New York where they continued to reside until called to their final rest. Their family numbered eight children: William; Phillipina, now Mrs. Itermiller, a widow living in Lime Creek township; Jacob, Charles and Henry, who are yet residents of the state of New York; and three who have passed away.

William Steiner came to America when but seventeen years of age. He had acquired a good education in the schools of his native country and, attracted by the opportunities of the new world, he crossed the Atlantic, hoping to benefit by the advantages here offered in business lines. He first secured employment as a farm hand in the Empire state, where he remained for eight years, when in 1858 he came to Iowa, settling in Lee county. There he was employed for three years and in 1861 he came to Washington county, Iowa. After being employed for four years as a farm hand in this county, during which time he carefully saved his earnings until his economy and industry had brought him a substantial little sum of money, he then invested in a farm on which he now lives. It has been his home continuously since 1865 and comprises one hundred and fifty-seven acres of land in Lime Creek township. Today it is a well improved property and its attractive appearance is due entirely to the care he has bestowed upon it. He has erected commodious and substantial buildings, has planted trees and now has a beautiful farm, his broad acres spreading out around him and annually bringing forth rich crops. He has also made a specialty of raising and feeding hogs and his unremitting industry and unflinching perseverance have constituted the salient features in his prosperity.

Mr. Steiner has been married twice. In Lee county he wedded Miss Mary Rupp, who was born in Germany. They became the parents of four children: Mary, now deceased; William, at home; Jacob, who is living in the state of Washington; and Katie, now in California. The wife and mother passed away September 20, 1874, and Mr. Steiner afterward wedded



Miss Mary Schmitt, who was born in Germany in 1852 and was brought to America by her parents in 1860. Unto this marriage there were born seven children: Henry and John, who are residents of this county; Anna, wife of Melvin Whetstine, living in Line Creek township; Daniel, at home; Emma who resides with her parents and is engaged in teaching school; and Martha and Charles, who are pupils in the high school at Wellman.

Mr. Steiner votes with the democracy and is a stalwart advocate of the principles of the party. The cause of education finds in him an earnest champion and through sixteen years' service on the school board he did effective work for the interests of public education. He holds membership in the Mennonite church while his wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. They are both highly esteemed and their many good traits of heart and mind have given them firm hold on the affection and regard of those with whom they have been brought in contact.

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#### ELIAS A. APPLGATE.

Elias A. Applegate, a prosperous and well known agriculturist of Jackson township, was born in Washington county, Iowa, November 4, 1869, his parents being William and Elizabeth Ann (Unangst) Applegate, both of whom were natives of New Jersey. They made their way to Mercer county, Illinois, at an early day and subsequently came to Washington county, Iowa, in 1864, locating in Jackson township, where the father purchased a tract of land. William Applegate passed away on the 3d of May, 1907, but his wife still survives and yet makes her home in this county, having now attained the age of sixty-eight years. Unto this worthy couple were born five children, namely: John H., a resident of Oklahoma; Etta May, the wife of Frank McCreedy, of Little Falls, Minnesota; Anna M. and Cora C., both of whom are deceased; and Elias A., of this review.

The last named attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education and remained under the parental roof until he was twenty-five years of age. He was then married and rented his father's farm, in the operation of which he was engaged for three years. On the expiration of that period, in 1898, he took up his abode on his present place in Jackson township, where he has since carried on his agricultural interests with such diligence and industry that his labors have been rewarded by bounteous harvests annually. He has placed many modern improvements on his property and is recognized throughout the community as a most substantial, enterprising and progressive citizen.

As a companion and helpmate on the journey of life Mr. Applegate chose Miss Mary Korous, whose birth occurred in Jackson township, Washington county, August 25, 1875. Her parents, Albert and Josephine Korous, who were natives of Bohemia, came to Washington county, Iowa, at an early day. The father still survives, residing in this county, but the mother died on the 25th of July, 1884. Their family numbered five children, as follows:

Mrs. Applegate; Elizabeth, deceased; Frances, who is head nurse in a hospital at Salt Lake City; Rose Marie, a resident of Utah; and Anna, who has also passed away. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Applegate were born five children: Howard E., whose birth occurred February 21, 1896; Edna P., born March 14, 1897; Elizabeth M., whose natal day was March 10, 1900; Gladys L., born October 13, 1904; and Ora May, who first opened her eyes to the light of day on the 16th of February, 1906.

Mr. Applegate exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party and has served as school director, the cause of education ever finding in him a staunch champion. Both he and his wife are consistent members of the Presbyterian church and are well known and highly esteemed throughout the county in which they have spent their entire lives.

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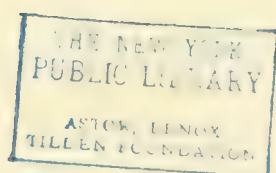
### CHARLES T. JOHNSON.

Charles T. Johnson is a prosperous farmer of Lime Creek township who has continuously resided at his present place of residence since 1865, at which time he came to this farm with his parents, Eleazer and Eunice (Fernald) Johnson. His birth had occurred in Maine on the 28th of December, 1857. The Johnson family is of English lineage and was founded in America in 1630. Most of the male members of the family were shipbuilders and they had a place of business at the mouth of the Merrimac river, known as the Johnson wharf. The grandfather of our subject served as a soldier in the war of 1812.

Eleazer Johnson, the father of our subject, was born April 26, 1813, and when fourteen years of age left home, shipping as cabin boy on a vessel which sailed from New England ports. Gradually he worked his way upward through successive promotions until he became captain, sailing on the seas until thirty years of age. At that time he purchased a farm in Maine, on which he resided until 1865, when he came to the middle west with his family, settling in Washington county, Iowa. Here he purchased the farm whereon his son Charles now resides and to the cultivation and development of this property he gave his attention throughout his remaining days. His wife was born January 7, 1821, and they became the parents of nine children, of whom Sarah F. and William P., the two eldest, are now deceased. Harriet is now Mrs. Newcomb, a resident of Kansas. Edward T. is also a resident of Kansas. Fannie T. and Marie L. reside together on a farm of one hundred and eighty-five acres in Lime Creek township, which they own, and in her younger years Miss Fannie engaged in teaching school. Clara T., the next of the household, is deceased. Charles T. is the eighth in order of birth. Margaret A., who completed the family, has also passed away. The mother died January 6, 1869, and the father's death occurred November 27, 1881, their remains being interred in the Lexington cemetery.

Charles T. Johnson is far separated from the place of his birth. A native of New England, he spent the first seven years of his life in the Pine Tree







state and then accompanied his parents on their journey to Iowa. Since that time he has resided continuously on the farm which is now his home. He was trained in the active work of the fields and was therefore well qualified to take charge of the place when he began farming on his own account. He now owns two hundred and forty acres of land on section 31, Lime Creek township, and in addition to tilling the soil he has always made a specialty of raising and feeding stock, handling at all times good grades so that his stock finds a ready sale on the market.

It was on the 30th of November, 1896, that the marriage of Charles T. Johnson and Miss Eliza Sigler was celebrated. The lady was born in this county, February 2, 1858, and was one of the nine children whose parents were John and Goldie (Fasenbaker) Sigler. Her father died in 1882, but her mother is still living in this county at the advanced age of eighty-five years. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have become parents of two sons: Thomas R., born August 29, 1899; and Charles T., born December 5, 1901.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, are interested in its work, contribute generously to its support and cooperate in its various activities. Mr. Johnson votes with the republican party and in all matters of citizenship is progressive and public spirited. The Johnson family is one well known in this county, having a wide acquaintance since Eleazer and Eunice Johnson first came in 1865. The members of their household have ever been held in high esteem, manifesting substantial qualities of character which have gained for them warm regard.

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#### REV. BERNARD JACOBSMEIER.

Rev. Bernard Jacobsmeier, who since the 1st of January, 1905, has been pastor of St. Mary's Catholic parish in Riverside, was born in St. Louis, Missouri, on the 17th of September, 1865, a son of William and Theresa Jacobsmeier, who were natives of Germany. When two years of age his parents, who had come to the United States, removed to Lee county, Iowa, where he attended the parochial schools. In 1882 he went to Atchison, Kansas, entering St. Benedict's College, where he remained as a student for two years. Going to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on the expiration of that period, he there attended St. Francis Seminary for seven years, at the end of which time, in 1891, he was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Katzer. He was then appointed parish priest at Audubon, Iowa, where he built a parsonage and remained for two years. His next charge was in Washington, where he continued for a period of eleven and a half years, erecting the parochial school and remodeling the interior of the church. At the same time he conducted a mission at Pleasant Plain, where he built a church in 1902—the year following the erection of the school in Washington. On the 1st of January, 1905, he was installed as pastor of St. Mary's parish in Riverside and has since devoted himself to its upbuilding and development with consecrated zeal. Here he has erected a church at

a cost of forty thousand dollars, together with a rectory valued at eight thousand dollars. The schools are presided over by the Sisters of Charity and have an attendance of about one hundred and fifty pupils. Father Jacobsmeier is one of the popular and prominent representatives of the priesthood in this section of the state and his efforts have proven an important factor in the spread and development of Catholicism in the communities where he has labored.

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### CLIFFORD THORNE.

Clifford Thorne, attorney-at-law of Washington, was born in Brooklyn, Iowa, January 20, 1878, a son of William G. and Rachel M. (Young) Thorne, who were natives of Ohio and Iowa, respectively. The father was a minister of the Methodist church, who took up the work of preaching at the Eureka church, Washington county, Iowa. Among his charges he spent five years as pastor of the church in Washington. He acted as presiding elder in the Muscatine district for six years, making Washington his place of residence during that time. He is now living at Keosauqua, being pastor of the Methodist church of that place. Unto him and his wife were born but two children, the elder being Rose, now the wife of the Rev. W. L. Clapp, of Brooklyn, Iowa.

Having qualified for the bar, Clifford Thorne has engaged in the practice of law in Washington since 1901 and has made substantial progress in his calling.

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### JAMES A. WALKER.

James A. Walker is well known in his home locality as a stalwart champion of the cause of education, having served on the school board for thirty years. He is moreover known among his acquaintances and friends as a self-made man whose success is attributable entirely to his own efforts, for when he arrived in this county he had a cash capital of but fifteen dollars. As the years have gone by, however, his unfaltering labor, intelligently directed, has brought to him substantial success and for a long period he has been classed among the leading farmers and stock-raisers of Cedar township where he now owns two hundred acres of valuable land. He was born in Jefferson county, Ohio, October 10, 1852, and is a son of John J. and Hannah R. (McConnell) Walker. The father's birth occurred in Brook county, West Virginia, and now at the age of eighty-five years he is still living on the same farm which has been in possession of the family for three generations and which comprises four hundred acres of land. The family is an old one in the south, having been founded in America by the great-grandfather of our subject, who arrived in the western world in 1753. He lived in Baltimore, Maryland, for eleven years and then secured the four

hundred-acre farm which is now owned and occupied by John J. Walker. This has proven a valuable property for nine oil wells have been opened upon the land. It was on the old homestead that John J. Walker reared his family which numbered four sons and one daughter: Joseph M., a resident of West Virginia; James A., of this review; William P., also living in his native state; John W., still on the old homestead in West Virginia; and Jane R., now the wife of A. E. Carter of that state.

The boyhood days of James A. Walker passed quietly and uneventfully in the attainment of his education and in the work of the home farm. He there remained until twenty-three years of age, when, thinking to find better business opportunities in the west, he left his native state and came to Iowa. His destination was Washington county where he arrived on the 2d of November, 1875. He worked for a year as a farm hand at twenty dollars per month in the employ of W. A. Moore and afterward rented a farm for five years. He next purchased forty acres on section 19, Cedar township, where he now resides, and as the years have gone by he has greatly improved the property, bringing the fields under a high state of cultivation and adding all of the modern equipments and accessories of a model farm of the twentieth century. He was in limited financial circumstances at the time of his arrival here, having but fifteen dollars as his entire cash capital, but his diligence and energy has brought him success of a most substantial character and he now owns two hundred acres in Cedar township, from which he derives a most gratifying annual income. He has made a specialty of raising and feeding stock, keeping on hand high grades, and his lands have also demonstrated the fact that no fields in all America can bring forth finer crops of grain than those of Washington county.

As a companion and helpmate on the journey of life, James A. Walker chose Miss Martha J. Dayton, whom he wedded on the 12th of September, 1876. She was born in this county December 6, 1855, a daughter of David and Mary (Long) Dayton, natives of Maryland and Illinois respectively. Their last days, however, were passed in Iowa and when they were called to their final rest it was with deep regret that their many friends received the news of their demise. In their family were eight children: Josiah, who is still living in this county; Francis, deceased; Cordelia, the wife of George Davidson, a resident of Waterloo, Iowa; Albert, living at Hedrick, Iowa; Lettie, the wife of George Hutton of Oskaloosa; Elizabeth A. and William both of whom are deceased; and Mrs. Walker. The last named by her marriage has become the mother of two daughters and a son: Belle, the oldest, born February 3, 1877, is now the wife of Cash Crossett of Keokuk county, Iowa, and unto them were born four children; Jennie, born November 13, 1882, is the wife of Carl Herring and they have one child; and Joseph, born January 8, 1884, is living in West Chester, Iowa, and has one son. Mr. and Mrs. Walker also now have six living grandchildren.

In his political views Mr. Walker is a democrat, staunchly advocating the principles of the party and doing all in his power to further its growth and to secure its success. He has been a member of the school board for thirty years and is connected with West Chester Lodge, No. 396. Knights of

Pythias, in which he has filled all of the chairs and has five times been a delegate to the Grand Lodge. His wife is a valued member of the Methodist Episcopal church. They are both highly esteemed in the community where they reside, enjoying the warm regard of many friends. A life of diligence and well directed labor has brought Mr. Walker substantial success and his record should serve as a source of inspiration and encouragement to others, showing what may be accomplished when one is enterprising and determined.

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### JOHN H. SQUIRE.

John H. Squire, who has large land interests here and is numbered among the substantial farmers of the community, was born in Scioto county, Ohio, March 17, 1857, a son of Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Mead) Squire. His father was also a native of that county, where he was reared until he was twenty-one years of age, at which period of his life he took up the occupation of freight boating on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, going as far as New Orleans. After following that pursuit for about three years he came to Iowa, locating in Lime Creek township, Washington county, about a half mile east of Wellman. In 1844 he entered land on the present site of the town of Wellman, and remained upon his farm for about four years when, owing to the illness of his father and mother, he returned to Ohio, where he was married. In the fall of 1857 he drove back to Iowa in a prairie schooner drawn by a span of mules, bringing with him his wife and their six months old child. He located in Davis county, where he lived for several years, and then removed to Van Buren county, farming there until 1865, during which year he again returned to his native county, where for one year he engaged in the general merchandise business. He next operated a farm, but in 1882 he again came to this state. He settled on a farm about ten miles north of Washington, pursuing agriculture there and on another farm five miles northwest of Washington for several years, when he retired from active life and removed to the town of Washington. There he resided until the time of his death in 1904, his remains being interred in the Elm Grove cemetery. His wife, who entered into rest in 1906, was also interred in the same lot.

They had eleven children: Chloe, who died at the age of two years; John H.; Sarah Ellen, wife of J. W. White, an agriculturist of Washington township; Mary Adeline, the wife of L. A. Crull, a Methodist Episcopal clergyman of Malcolm, this state; Julia Abigail, the wife of Harry A. Brindley, of South Dakota, a horse and cattle dealer; Eunice Lucetta, who became the wife of J. S. Adams, an agriculturist of Aitkin, Minnesota; Lydia Jessie, the wife of E. S. Bishop, who operates a farm and cattle ranch in Cedar township; William Melvin, deceased; Grace Frances, the wife of J. W. Bishop, a thresher and machinist of Washington; Elizabeth Jane, the wife of L. H. Brindley, a stock-dealer of this county; and Nathaniel Green, a local carpenter.



On his father's farm J. H. Squire spent his boyhood days, acquiring a knowledge of the various departments of agriculture, and receiving his education in the neighboring schools. He remained at home until he was twenty-two years of age, when he went to Indiana, where he followed farming as a wage earner for about two years, subsequently returning home and working with his father for about one year. He next went to Ohio, where he was married, and upon returning to Iowa with his wife he engaged in farming rented land in Keokuk county. After residing there for about five years he removed to Washington county, where he rented land and carried on agriculture for four years, and then purchased a farm in Cedar township, which he sold eighteen years later. He then purchased his present farm, which contains eighty acres located on section 13. His place is highly improved and here he engages in general farming, paying some attention to the raising of cattle, horses and hogs.

In 1883 Mr. Squire wedded Miss Sarah Catherine White, a native of Scioto county, Ohio, by whom he has five children: J. R., born March 19, 1884, a clerk and bookkeeper of a general mercantile establishment in Jackson county, Ohio; C. L., born May 4, 1885, who resides at home; Mabel B., born June 16, 1888, who wedded H. Kilgore in 1906, the couple living on a farm near Ainsworth, this county; Grace B., born November 30, 1889, a local school teacher; and Helen G., born March 24, 1895, who lives with her parents.

Mr. Squire gives his political allegiance to the republican party and, being a public-spirited man, he takes considerable interest in local affairs. He has been township assessor for the past four years, the duties of which office he performed for the same period of time in Cedar township. He belongs to the Court of Honor and to the Methodist Episcopal church, of which his wife is also a member, and he is numbered among the honored citizens and substantial agriculturists of his locality.

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#### W. B. KERR.

W. B. Kerr, who is devoting his time and energies to the cultivation and improvement of his farm of eighty acres on section 27, Jackson township, was born in Indiana county, Pennsylvania, January 31, 1856, his parents being Jonathan and Jane (Scott) Kerr, who were likewise natives of the Keystone state. In 1860 they made their way to Henry county, Illinois, where they resided for seven years and then came to Washington county, Iowa, in 1867, taking up their abode in Washington township. Here they remained until called to their final rest, the father passing away on the 13th of January, 1889, while the mother's death occurred April 20, 1908. Their family numbered seven children, namely: W. B., of this review; Plummer S., who is deceased; David S., a resident of Audrain county, Missouri; Margaret J., who is the wife of R. W. Cook, of Missouri; Mary E., residing

in Washington county: Laura B., the wife of R. P. Mintier, of this county; and Eliza A., who has also passed away.

W. B. Kerr attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education that would equip him for the practical and responsible duties of life and remained at home until he had attained his majority. Subsequently he was engaged in the operation of a rented farm for seven years, on the expiration of which period he purchased a tract of one hundred and twenty acres, on which he resided for nine years, when he sold the property and made his home in Washington for a year. He then purchased his present farm of eighty acres on section 27, Jackson township, in the cultivation of which he has since been successfully engaged and it is now a desirable property, from which he annually derives a good income. He is practical in his methods and as the result of his work in the fields he yearly harvests good crops, for which he finds a ready sale on the market.

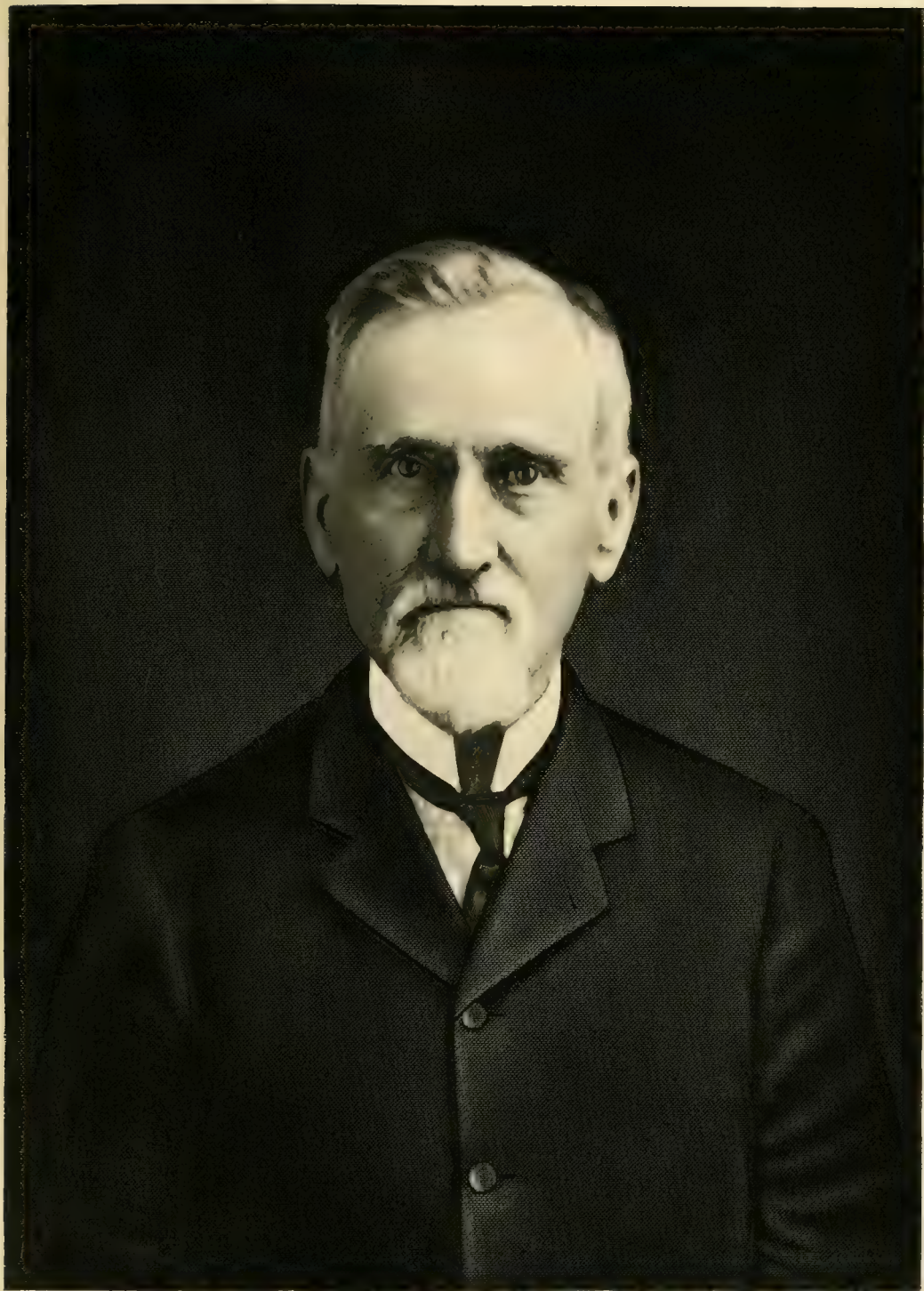
On the 7th of November, 1883, Mr. Kerr was united in marriage to Miss Mattie E. McFarlane, whose birth occurred in Mahoning county, Ohio, February 5, 1863, her parents being R. D. and Anna M. (Dickson) McFarlane, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Ohio. In 1868 Mr. and Mrs. McFarlane came to Washington county, Iowa, and are still living in the city of Washington. In their family were nine children, as follows: Etta, who is deceased; Mrs. Kerr; L. E., a resident of South Dakota; R. F., who is living in West Chester, Washington county; Mary E., who has passed away; Nettie J., the wife of William Mayhew, of Marion township, this county; James D., who is likewise deceased; and Cora B. and May G., who are at home. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Kerr have been born three children: Elsie, whose birth occurred September 27, 1884, and who died July 30, 1894; Cloyce B., who was born July 19, 1889, and is now attending the academy at Washington, Iowa; and Beulah, born November 15, 1895, who is at home.

In his political views Mr. Kerr is a staunch republican and for fourteen years has capably served as a member of the school board. Both he and his wife belong to the Second United Presbyterian church at Washington and are widely and favorably known throughout the entire community, having ever displayed those sterling traits of character which in every land and clime command admiration and regard.

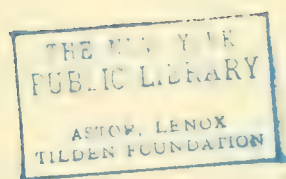
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#### HENRY CLAY HULL.

On the list of Washington county's honored dead appears the name of Dr. Henry Clay Hull, a man whom to know was to esteem and honor, and who was most respected where best known. He was born in Knox county, Ohio, February 3, 1826, and was a son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Van Winkle) Hull. His father was a native of Virginia and at an early day removed westward to Ohio, where he spent the greater part of his life. After reaching an advanced age, however, he came to Iowa and passed his remaining years



*Dr H. C. Hull*





at the home of his son, Dr. Hull. His birth occurred March 2, 1798, and he died on the 17th of September, 1873, his remains being interred in the Crawfordsville cemetery. His wife, who was also a native of Virginia, had died in Ohio. They were the parents of eight children: Henry Clay; John, who was born June 14, 1827, and engaged in general practice of medicine until his death; Isaac, who was born April 11, 1830, and has departed this life; Thaddeus, who was born in 1832 and is now living near Wellington, Kansas; Margaret, who was born March 13, 1834, and is the wife of Friendly Lewis, of Gambier, Knox county, Ohio; Hester, who was born August 13, 1836, and has passed away; Joseph E., who was born July 5, 1838, and is living in Gillespie, Illinois; and Moses, whose birth occurred August 20, 1840, and who now lives retired in Crawfordsville.

Dr. Hull spent the days of his boyhood and youth in the state of his nativity and acquired his education in the public schools, after which he qualified for practice of medicine in the Cincinnati Medical College, from which he was graduated June 5, 1852. He opened an office in Crawfordsville and at once gained a reputation as an able and successful physician who was conscientious and painstaking in his efforts. Twelve years ago he decided to give up the active work of his profession but the people would not have it so and kept going to his house for medicine and for professional service. He was rated as the best therapist who has ever lived in this county. He was ever a deep and discriminating student of his profession, seemed to have almost intuitive perception as to the value of any idea or method of practice promulgated by the medical fraternity and in diagnosis his judgment was seldom, if ever, at fault. He was accorded a very large practice and, carefully husbanding his resources, he at length became recognized as one of the substantial citizens of the community. He had no expensive habits, and, making judicious investments from time to time, he left at his death a large estate, owning more than four hundred acres of valuable land, while he was also an extensive stockholder in the Ainsworth and Columbus Junction Banks. For many years he also did a kind of private banking business, loaning money and cashing sales notes, and his business integrity was ever regarded as above question.

Dr. Hull was married twice. Soon after his arrival in this county he wedded Mrs. Jane Nabb in 1854 and they traveled life's journey happily together until her death in 1880. In the following year he wedded Miss Margaret Van Horn, who was born in Miami county, Ohio, near Pickaway, and is a daughter of John and Jane (Mathers) Van Horn. She survives him, together with their daughter, Nellie, who is now the wife of Rev. W. G. Roberston, a United Presbyterian minister of Crawfordsville. They have one child, Margaret Louise, born April 9, 1909. Dr. J. H. Hull, a son of Dr. H. C. Hull by his first marriage, is now actively engaged in the practice of medicine in Washington. He has two children: H. C., a physician, practicing with his father in Washington; and Daisy, the wife of Charles Startzman, an electrical engineer, living at North Orange, New Jersey.

Dr. Hull was long a member of the Presbyterian church, with which he united in 1854, and for more than fifty years he contributed over one

hundred dollars per year for the maintenance of the church. He was a charter member of the Masonic fraternity and was a believer in its spirit of humanitarianism, recognizing the brotherhood of the race. He died November 17, 1907, and his death was the occasion of deep regret to all who knew him, for his honorable manhood, his consideration for others, his loyalty to friendship and devotion to home ties won him the kindly regard and respect of all with whom he came in contact. Mrs. Hull still resides in Crawfordsville and owns and occupies the finest residence in the town.

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#### ELI DEEN.

Eli Deen is now a retired farmer of Wellman but is still the owner of valuable property in Lime Creek township, having two hundred and sixty-two acres on sections 6 and 7. He also owns a beautiful home in the midst of nine and one-half acres of land which adjoins the corporation limits of the village. He is a western man by birth, training and preference and exemplifies in his life the spirit of enterprise and progress which have ever been the dominant factors in the upbuilding of this section of the country.

His birth occurred in McLean county, Illinois, May 17, 1846, his parents being Enos and Lucy (Fordice) Deen, who were natives of West Virginia and of Ohio respectively. The paternal grandfather of our subject served in the Revolutionary war, seeking to win independence for the colonies, while the maternal grandfather took up arms for American rights against English invasion in the war of 1812.

It was in 1832, the year in which the Black Hawk war occurred, that Enos Deen came to the middle west, settling in McLean county, Illinois. He purchased land there and made his home thereon for twenty years. He wedded Miss Lucy Fordice and after the birth of all of their children they removed to Iowa in 1852, taking up their abode in Lime Creek township, Washington county, where they remained until called to the home beyond. The father died in 1855 and the mother, long surviving him, reached an advanced age, passing away on the 17th of February, 1893. In their family were ten children, among whom were: James M., deceased; Susannah, who became the wife of George Phillips and has departed this life; John F., who has also passed away; Lucinda O., the deceased wife of R. J. Jones; Amanda M., the wife of A. J. Treadwell, deceased; Eli, of this review; and Enos and Lucy, both of whom have passed away. The father was twice married. By his first union there were seven children, but of the entire family of seventeen Eli Deen is now the only one living.

Reared to farm life, Mr. Deen of this review remained at home until twenty-four years of age, when he made arrangements for having a home of his own by his marriage to Miss Caroline C. Boehme, who was born in Vermont, October 12, 1851, and is a daughter of William and Mary Ann (Devlin) Boehme, natives of Germany and England respectively. Her parents were married in Canada, where they located on coming to the new

world, but at the end of two years they removed to Brandon, Vermont, and seven years later came to Washington county, Iowa, taking up their abode in Lime Creek township where they continued until the time of their demise. In their family were ten children, eight of whom yet survive. This number includes Mrs. Deen. At the time of the marriage of our subject and his wife they began their domestic life upon the old home farm and he continued to cultivate its fields for several years, or until his economy and industry had brought him sufficient capital to enable him to purchase land for himself. He invested in property in Lime Creek township and is now the owner, as previously stated, of two hundred and sixty-two acres on sections 6 and 7. There he carried on general agricultural pursuits for a long period and also made a specialty of raising and feeding cattle and hogs while on his farm. At length he retired from active business life in 1907 and removed to his home adjoining the village of Wellman. Here he has nine and one-half acres of land in the midst of which stands a beautiful residence, supplied with all of the comforts and some of the luxuries that go to make life worth living. His success is the direct outcome of his persistency of purpose and indefatigable energy. In the management of his business affairs he displayed sound judgment, was most careful in making investments, and as the years went by and one by one were added to the cycle of the centuries he gained for himself a place among Washington county's substantial farmers and men of affluence.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Deen were born three children: Clara E., born December 17, 1871, is the wife of U. E. Thomas, a resident of Washington, Iowa. George B., born January 24, 1874, is married and resides in Wellman. Elsie A., born November 5, 1875, is the wife of E. E. Norman and now makes her home with her father and mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Deen attend the Baptist church and are people of genuine personal worth whose influence is always given to the side of justice, truth and progress. Mr. Deen votes with the republican party and for many years served on the school board but has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking. He has stood, however, as a champion of progressive public measures and in all of his business affairs has maintained an unassailable reputation for reliability, as well as for enterprise.

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### BENJAMIN F. DIXON.

A spirit of enterprise, of keen discrimination and of unfaltering purpose at all times characterizes the efforts of Benjamin F. Dixon, the senior partner of the firm of B. F. Dixon & Company, largely engaged in handling farm property and other classes of realty. A native of Illinois, Mr. Dixon was born in Logan county, near Lincoln, April 24, 1853, and represents an old American family. His grandfather, Jesse Dixon, was a native of Pennsylvania and removed westward to Illinois when the Indians were numerous in that state. He lived to see the red men replaced by white settlers and all

of the advantages and improvements of a modern civilization introduced, his death occurring in Illinois when he had reached an advanced age. He had married Katie Reed, who died when more than sixty-five years of age. They were the parents of eight children who enjoyed remarkable health, a physician never being called for any of them. They were Daniel, David, Joseph, Solomon, Jerry, Mary, Nancy and Betsy. Of this family Solomon Dixon became the father of Benjamin F. Dixon. He was a native of Pennsylvania, while his wife, who bore the maiden name of Jane Farris was born in Kentucky. She was the daughter of "Buck" Farris, a native of Kentucky, who was a farmer and trader and became one of the early settlers of Dewitt county, Illinois, locating at Clinton. Both lived to an advanced age. They were the parents of three daughters and a son: Jane, Elizabeth, Caroline and James.

When Illinois was largely an unimproved district inhabited mostly by red men, Solomon Dixon and Jane Farris removed to that state in company with their parents and were among the early settlers of Logan county. The father was a farmer by occupation, following that pursuit in order to provide a comfortable living for his children. He lived most of his life near Lincoln, Illinois, but died at Wellsville, Kansas, at the age of seventy-six years. His wife survived him about fifteen months and died at the same place at the age of seventy-eight. Both were members of the Christian church and their many good qualities won for them the esteem and confidence of all. They were the parents of two sons and two daughters: Mary C., the widow of William Woolley, of Ottawa, Kansas; Charles Henry, also of Ottawa; Sarah,\* who died at the age of fifteen years; and Benjamin F.

The last named was reared on his father's farm in Logan county, Illinois, on Sugar creek, about six miles north of Lincoln. He attended the district schools and when not busy with his text-books gave his attention to the work of the fields from the time of early spring planting until the crops were harvested in the late autumn. At the age of twenty-four years he left home and removed to Hartsburg, cultivating a farm adjoining that town. He also engaged in the grain and livestock business for a number of years and in 1893 came to Washington, Iowa, where he took up immigration work for Washington county and also for the southwestern country along the Rock Island Railroad. In this he has continued to the present time. On the 1st of January, 1898, he admitted J. T. Matthews to a partnership and in 1905 A. J. Dawson, who had been in the employ of the firm for five years, was admitted, these three now constituting the well known and successful real-estate firm of B. F. Dixon & Company. Through this agency sixty-five families came here from Logan, Tazewell, Dewitt and McLean counties, Illinois, and have met with success in Washington county.

Mr. Dixon was married to Miss Sarah Minsker, a daughter of Daniel and Ann Allen Minsker, of Logan county, Illinois, but formerly of Pennsylvania. They were natives of the Keystone state but became residents of Illinois during an epoch in its early development. The father was a soldier of the Civil war, enlisting in the One Hundred and Sixth Illinois Infantry, and while in the army died in the hospital, leaving a widow and daughter,



Mrs. Dixon being the only child. By her marriage she has become the mother of two children. The daughter, Ollie E., is the wife of Dr. Frank Siberts, of Geneva, Franklin county, Iowa, and they have one daughter, Esther. Charles B., the son, is a clerk in a clothing store in Washington.

In his political views Mr. Dixon has always been a republican since age conferred upon him the right of franchise, and on the 29th of March, 1909, he was elected mayor of Washington by a majority of one hundred and ninety votes, being the present incumbent in that office. His fraternal relations are with the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Court of Honor. Both he and his wife are members of the Christian church and enjoy the high esteem of all who know them, while their home is most attractive by reason of its warm-hearted and cordial hospitality. In a history of the representative business men of this section it is imperative that mention be made of Mr. Dixon, for his undaunted enterprise has carried him into important relations and his labors have been a valuable element in promoting public progress.

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#### JOHN C. MAYER.

When the pioneer settlers made their way westward to the broad prairies of Iowa their attention was naturally, as is always the case, directed to the work of reclaiming the wild prairie for the purposes of cultivation and the sod was broken, the land plowed and harrowed and the seeds planted. In course of time good crops were garnered and acre after acre was thus improved. Then the farmers began the work of raising stock, for the broad prairies furnished excellent pasture land and also produced the crops necessary to maintain the stock through the winter months. Today Iowa is in the front rank among the states of the Union producing cereals and live stock. It is to this branch of work that John C. Mayer devotes his attention with excellent success, being now the owner of four hundred acres of valuable land on which he breeds, raises and feeds shorthorn cattle. He likewise has other farm property in the county and in all of his undertakings is meeting with substantial and well merited success.

Mr. Mayer is a native of Hardin county, Ohio, his birth having there occurred on the 29th of March, 1845. His parents, Adam and Dorothy (Renge) Mayer, were both natives of Germany, who came to the United States in childhood days with their respective parents. The Mayer home was established in Pennsylvania but subsequently a removal was made to Ohio in which state the parents of Mrs. Dorothy Mayer had previously located. It was there that Adam Mayer and Dorothy Renge became acquainted and were married. They began their domestic life upon a farm in Hardin county where they resided until 1846, when they removed westward to Iowa, settling in Dutch Creek township, Washington county. Two brothers, Henry and John Mayer, also came with Adam Mayer and the three secured a large tract of government land in Dutch Creek township. Henry Mayer, however,

remained for only a short time after which he returned to Ohio, Adam Mayer purchasing his share of the land. As the years passed the last named became known as one of the representative farmers and honored agriculturists of the community. He resided here up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1892, when he was seventy-six years of age. He was then the owner of three hundred and forty-eight acres of land which had been acquired through his well directed labor and judicious investment. He was a democrat in his political views, stalwart in his support of the principles of the party and he served in various township offices to which he was honored by the vote of his fellow citizens, yet he was never a politician in the sense of office seeking, having no ambition for honors of that character. Both he and his wife were members of the Evangelical Lutheran church. Mrs. Mayer passed away about eight years prior to the death of her husband, her demise occurring in 1884 when she was sixty-six years of age. They were both people of genuine personal worth, esteemed by all who knew them, and as their circle of acquaintance increased their circle of friends also grew.

Washington county was a pioneer district when the Mayer home was established within its borders and John C. Mayer, then but one year old, was reared amid the wild scenes and environments of frontier life. He obtained his education in one of the old time log schoolhouses common in a newly developed district, and when not busy with his text-books his attention was given to the active work of the farm as he assisted his father in the work of plowing, planting and harvesting. They were associated in business until 1872 when John C. Mayer and his brother Henry purchased a farm of four hundred acres in Seventy-Six township, which they cultivated in partnership until 1883. In the spring of that year John C. Mayer removed to his present farm which the brothers had previously purchased. They then divided their interests, each becoming the owner of a fine tract of land of four hundred acres. In earlier years they were known as extensive cattle feeders but in recent years John C. Mayer has fed only the stock which he has raised himself. He breeds and raises shorthorn cattle, having some fine stock for which he finds a ready sale on the market, this branch of his business constituting an important source of revenue. In addition to his home place of four hundred acres he owns a farm of one hundred and sixty acres two miles northwest of the homestead and he is a stockholder in the Union State Bank of Keota. He was also one of the organizers and is the vice president of the Farmers Savings Bank of Keota. His home place is splendidly improved with all modern equipments, the buildings being substantial and commodious, the machinery is of the latest improved pattern and everything about the farm is indicative of the spirit of thrift and enterprise which characterizes the owner.

It was in 1881 that Mr. Mayer was married to Miss Jane Carkuff of Dutch Creek township, and unto them has been born one child, Winifred, at home. The parents are church members, Mr. Mayer belonging to the Evangelical Lutheran church while his wife is connected with the Methodist Episcopal church. In politics he is a democrat and has served as trustee of

his township. The honors and emoluments of office, however, have little attraction for him, as he prefers to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs, which capably conducted have brought to him substantial success. What he accomplished represents the fit utilization of his innate powers and talents. He is a man of resolute spirit, overcoming the difficulties and obstacles in his path by determined and honorable effort, knowing that success is not a matter of genius or of fortunate circumstances, as held by some, but is rather the outcome of clear perception and experience, of persistent labor and sound judgment. It has been along those lines that he has worked his way steadily upward until he is now numbered among the men of affluence in Seventy-Six township.

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### GEORGE WASHINGTON ALEXANDER.

George Washington Alexander, well known by reason of his business activity, enterprise and progressive citizenship, makes his home in Washington. He was for some years identified with agricultural interests in this county and since putting aside the work of the fields has given his attention to real-estate dealing. He was born in Blount county, Tennessee, January 3, 1846. His father, Samuel Alexander, was likewise a native of that state and throughout his life followed the occupation of farming, thus providing for his family. He married Ann Morelock, who was born in Tennessee, as were the paternal and maternal grandparents of our subject. The Morelock family is of Dutch descent. It was in the year 1861 that Samuel Alexander arrived with his family in Washington county, Iowa, settling near the town of Crawfordsville in Crawford township, where he purchased forty acres of land. With characteristic energy he began to develop and improve this and as he prospered in his undertakings he added eighty acres. Later he sold his farm and removed to Missouri where he lived for two and a half years, after which he returned to Crawford township where his remaining days were passed, his death occurring January 22, 1879, when he was sixty-eight years of age. His wife died in 1894 at the age of eighty-three. Both were members of the United Presbyterian church and their influence was a factor for good in the community. Their family numbered three sons and three daughters, but only two are now living, the elder being Mary E., the wife of John F. Nicholson, of Yorktown, Canada.

The younger is George W. Alexander, whose name introduces this record. He was a youth of fifteen when he came to Washington county, Iowa, and here he assisted in the labors of the farm, having previously acquired his education in the district schools of Tennessee. He aided in the arduous task of developing new land and when he had attained his majority started out in life on his own account, purchasing twenty acres in Crawford township. He cultivated that tract and also the forty acres, belonging to his father, for several years. Later he bought thirteen acres in Crawfordsville, a part of which he laid off in town lots and for fourteen years he main-

tained his residence in that village. On the 12th of February, 1907, he became a resident of Washington and purchased a nice home at No. 1109 South Iowa avenue.

On the 28th of April, 1904, Mr. Alexander was married to Miss Jennie L. Bare, who was born in Augusta county, Virginia, near Staunton and is a daughter of Samuel V. and Deminer (Phillips) Bare, the former a native of Augusta county and the latter of Nelson county, Virginia. His parents were Valentine and Annie Bare. The latter died at the age of forty years and the former afterward married again and reached the advanced age of ninety-three years, two months and twenty-five days. The maternal grandfather of Mrs. Alexander was William Phillips who spent the greater part of his life in Rockbridge county, Virginia. Both he and his wife, Mrs. Polly Phillips, lived to old age and they reared four sons and four daughters: Deminer, Susan, Jacob, Joseph, Nancy, Jesse, James and Mary. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Bare spent the greater part of their lives in the south, but about 1888 came to Iowa. Mr. Bare was a soldier of the Civil war, serving for four years. He died in May, 1907, at the age of eighty-six years, seven months and three days and is still survived by his widow who is now living near Lexington in this county. They were the parents of two sons and six daughters: Mary E., the wife of B. I. Jones; Martha Jane; William Henry; Mrs. Alexander; Sarah Frances, the deceased wife of Charles F. Adams; Alice Agnes, the wife of C. P. Rosen, of Staunton, Virginia; Jesse V.; and Ella, at home.

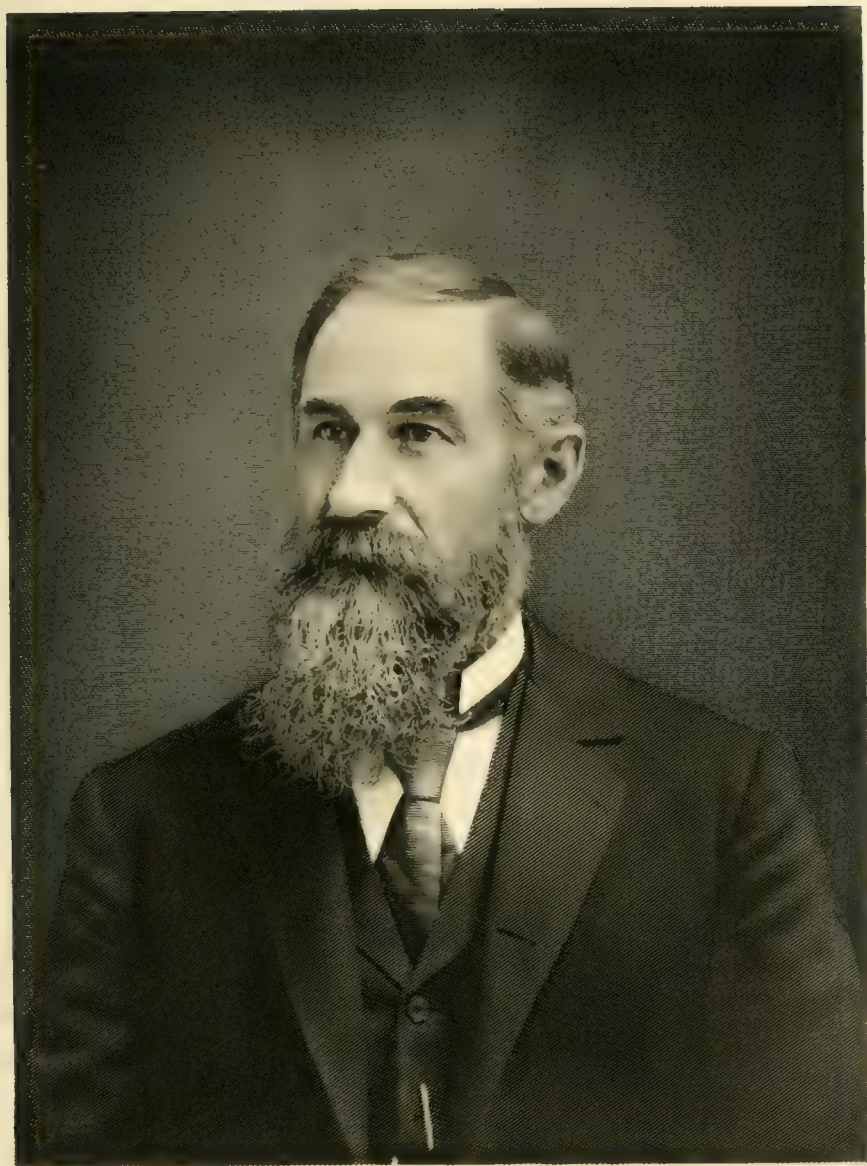
Mr. and Mrs. Alexander are widely known in Washington and throughout the county and the hospitality of the best homes is freely accorded them. They hold membership in the Second United Presbyterian church and while living in Crawfordsville Mr. Alexander served as one of the elders of the church. His aid and influence are always given to movements that tend to uplift humanity and promote moral progress. His staunch advocacy of temperance has led him to give his political allegiance to the prohibition party. His genuine worth is widely acknowledged and his many substantial and admirable qualities have gained him the respect and good will of all with whom he has been brought in contact.

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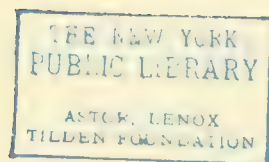
#### ABSALOM ANDERSON.

The name of Absalom Anderson is so closely, prominently and honorably interwoven with the history of Washington county that no record would be complete without extended mention of him and what he has accomplished. For more than a half century he has lived in this county. Unfamiliar with the experiences of farm life when he arrived here at the age of sixteen, he was long associated with general agricultural interests and his ready adaptability enabled him to soon place himself in a position where success followed his labors as a legitimate and logical sequence.





*A. Anderson*



He was born near Steubenville, Ohio, January 9, 1841, his parents being John T. and Sarah (Baxter) Anderson. In the paternal line he comes of Scotch descent. His grandfather, a native of Pennsylvania, was a river trader on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, building boats which he floated down the rivers to New Orleans, trading with the planters along the way. After disposing of his goods he would then return on foot to the north. On one of these trips he lost his life through accident and his remains were interred at Natchez, Mississippi. He had married a Miss Craig, who was of Scotch-Irish lineage and both died in middle life. They were the parents of a son and two daughters: John Thompson; Eliza, the wife of Ezekiel Garrett; and one who died in infancy.

John T. Anderson was a native of Washington county, Pennsylvania, and a cabinetmaker by trade. He also gave his attention to the undertaking business in early manhood in Washington county, Pennsylvania. With the exception of two years spent in Ohio he remained a resident of the Keystone state until 1855, when he removed to Sauk City, Wisconsin, where he lived for a year and a half. In the spring of 1857 he came to Washington county, Iowa, settling on a piece of land eleven miles northeast of the city of Washington in Highland township. There he lived for twenty-nine years, after which he took up his abode in the county seat, spending his remaining days in the enjoyment of well earned rest. He died in 1888 when nearly eighty-three years of age. His wife survived him for only five months and died in February, 1889, at the age of seventy-eight years. His people were all of the Presbyterian faith, while Mrs. Anderson belonged to the old-school Baptist church. Her birth occurred in Brooke county, West Virginia, and she was a daughter of Greenbury Baxter, a native of Maryland, who was of English descent. He followed farming as a life work and removed from the vicinity of Baltimore, Maryland, to Brooke county, West Virginia, where he engaged in farming. He, too, was a river trader and made seven trips down the Mississippi river. His death occurred at Natchez on his seventh trip. His wife bore the maiden name of Hannah Butler and was also of English lineage. The birth of Mr. Baxter occurred November 16, 1780, and his death on the 1st of April, 1823, so that he was but forty-two years of age at the time of his demise. His wife, who was born December 30, 1784, died in April, 1829. They were the parents of eleven children: Absalom; Samuel; Susanna, the wife of Samuel Thorley; Sarah, who became Mrs. Anderson and the mother of our subject; Anne, the wife of Berry Haney; Charles O.; Mary, the wife of Dr. S. Gregory; William; Ruth, who died in childhood; Rachel and John, also both deceased.

Unto the marriage of John T. Anderson and Sarah Baxter there were born seven children, five sons and two daughters: Marion B., who was a member of Company A, Twenty-fifth Iowa Volunteer Infantry in the Civil war and lost his health in the army, his military experiences eventually terminating his life; Anna E., the widow of Basil Wells, of Washington, Iowa; Sarah M., the widow of Thomas Craig and a resident of Washington; Absalom, Samuel and John Thompson, who are all living in Washington; and Charles O., who died in 1897.

In Washington county, Pennsylvania, Absalom Anderson spent the first fourteen years of his life and then accompanied his parents on their removal to Wisconsin. In his sixteenth year he came to Washington county, Iowa. While in Pennsylvania and Wisconsin he had lived in towns, but on the removal to this state the family home was established on a farm, where he continued until twenty-two years of age. The surroundings were new and the experiences interesting. He became a factor in the early development of the locality in which the family lived, for from the outset he aided in the cultivation of the home place. He also engaged in teaching school for two or three terms in early manhood and after leaving the farm located in Ainsworth, Iowa, where he purchased and sold live-stock and grain. Subsequently he built a store there and carried on general merchandising in partnership with Samuel A. White for twelve years. On the expiration of that period he removed to Washington, where he continued to deal in live-stock for a few months, after which he turned his attention to financial enterprises, becoming cashier of the Washington County Savings Bank, which position he filled for twenty-three and one-half years, when he resigned. He is now vice president, but leaves the active management of the bank to others, while he gives his attention merely to the supervision of his farms and other properties. He is the owner of a tract of valuable land of two hundred acres in Washington township, has realty in Ainsworth and is likewise the owner of a fine home in the city of Washington. In all of his business affairs he showed keen discrimination and closely studied the possibilities and improved the opportunities of every situation. As the years passed he thus reached a prominent position in the community and now in well earned retirement is enjoying the fruits of his former toil.

On the 31st of July, 1869, Mr. Anderson was united in marriage to Miss Martha J. Stretch, of Muscatine county, a daughter of Andrew and Melinda (Purcell) Stretch. They became the parents of two sons, Marion Thompson and George Jay. The former, now well known as a dealer in coal and ice in Washington, married Lucy, daughter of Dr. Burroughs, and they have two children, Charles B. and Marion. Mrs. Martha J. Anderson died July 28, 1896, at the age of fifty-eight years. She was a member of the Methodist church, to which Mr. Anderson also belongs. Her birth occurred near Urbana, Ohio, and during her girlhood days she was brought to Iowa by her parents, who were natives of Kentucky, while her grandparents were natives of Virginia.

On the 29th of May, 1900, Mr. Anderson was married to Mrs. Emma C. Ink, the widow of Parker P. Ink and the eldest daughter of Harrison Arnold Ball and Mary Ann (Ihrig) Ball. Mrs. Anderson was born near Wooster, Ohio, and in 1856, at the age of four months, was brought by her parents to Washington, where they settled, the father still living in the house which he built that year and in which the large family of nine children was reared. He was born in Jefferson county, Ohio, and is of English descent, his parents being Virginians and her mother was born in Wayne county, Ohio, of German descent.



Politically, Mr. Anderson is a republican, having supported the party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. Without invidious distinction he may be termed one of the foremost citizens of Washington, inasmuch as his activity in various lines has contributed largely to the material intellectual, social, political and moral progress of the community. In all his connections he has been actuated by high and honorable purposes and throughout his entire life it has been his habit to look beyond the exigencies of the moment to the possibilities and opportunities of the future so that his labors have been fraught with great good. He has never regarded any position as final but rather as a starting point toward further accomplishment, and it has been his intelligent appreciation of the possibilities of a situation that has constituted the foundation for his most gratifying and continuously increasing success.

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### WILLIAM N. HYDE.

When one visits the enterprising little city of Brighton with all of its business interests, its pretty homes and its institutions for intellectual and moral instruction, it seems almost impossible to realize that it is within the memory of a living man when Indians were encamped through the district or were frequent visitors to the little village that had here been established. Yet William N. Hyde has seen as many as five hundred Indians at one time in this locality. This fact alone indicates that he is one of the pioneer settlers, and those who are at all familiar with the history of the county know that he has been an important factor in its growth and progress as the years have gone by. He was born on a farm in Coshocton county, Ohio, February 15, 1834. The Hyde family came from England and was founded in America in colonial days by the grandfather of our subject and his two brothers. The grandfather served as a soldier throughout the Revolutionary war, rendering valiant aid to the colonists in their struggle for independence. West Hyde, the father of our subject, was born in Huntington county, New Jersey, in 1793 and was there reared. Later he removed to Virginia, settling on the south branch of the Potomac but subsequently went to Coshocton county, Ohio, where he lived until 1837 or 1838. At that time he continued his westward way and established his home near Peoria, Illinois, where he lived for a few years, when in 1842 he again traveled westward and became a resident of Brighton, where he made his home until his death, which occurred in 1861, his remains being interred in a cemetery in that place. In early life he engaged in boring wells when such work was done by hand, but during much of his life he followed agricultural pursuits and was an active factor in reclaiming the wild land of this county for the purpose of civilization. In his boyhood days he served as a soldier in the war of 1812 and at all times was most loyal to the interests of the country, local progress and national advancement both being causes dear to his heart. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Rebecca Hines, was born in Maryland in 1796. They were

married in Virginia and she accompanied her husband on his various removals as he traveled toward the setting sun. Her death occurred in Washington county in 1884, and her remains were also interred in the Brighton cemetery. In the family of this worthy couple were ten children: John L., who for fourteen years served as county treasurer of Lincoln county, Oregon, and is now deceased; William N.; Thomas W., who is engaged in the real-estate business in Des Moines; Margaret, Mary and Hannah, all deceased; Elizabeth, who is living with her daughter, Mrs. Roy Johnston, in Clay township; Rebecca, who is the wife of Robert McCarty; Sarah Ann, deceased; and Catherine, who is living with her daughter, Mrs. Smith, in Des Moines.

The birthplace of William N. Hyde was about three miles southwest of Coshocton, Ohio, and he was only three or four years old when the family left for Illinois. He has been a resident of Washington county from the age of eight years and his education was acquired in the schools of Brighton. He remained at home with his parents until twenty-four years of age and assisted in the arduous task of developing a new farm. He then started out in life on his own account, giving his attention to general agricultural pursuits in Clay township, until 1869, when he came to his present location on section 8, Brighton township. Here he owns two hundred and forty acres of rich land and the buildings and improvements upon the place stand as monuments to his thrift and enterprise. As the years passed he prospered in his undertakings and at one time owned six hundred and forty acres, but sold much of this property, not wishing in his later years to be burdened with the care of so large a farm. In 1872 he began dealing in stock and continued in that line of business until a few years ago and he still owns some good horses of the Norman draft variety. A few years ago, however, Mr. Hyde discontinued his stock-raising interests and now devotes his attention simply to the supervision and the cultivation of his fields. His life has been characterized by diligence, thrift and perseverance and through these qualities he has attained the success which is now his, making him one of the substantial citizens of the community.

It was in 1858 that Mr. Hyde was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Pollock, who was born in Claysville, Guernsey county, Ohio, March 18, 1838, and is a daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Wilson) Pollock. In the year 1844 her father removed westward with his family to Iowa, settling in Mount Pleasant, where he remained until 1849, when he came to Brighton, making his home here until a few years prior to his death, when he went to Redwillow county, Nebraska. There his demise occurred in 1870 and he was laid to rest in a nearby cemetery. By trade he was a tailor although other pursuits also claimed a part of his time. Following his demise his widow returned to Brighton where she passed away in 1888. In their family were six children: Samuel, who is living with Mr. and Mrs. Hyde; Mrs. Jennie Wilson, a resident of Los Angeles, California; Thomas, of Portland, Oregon, who for many years practiced medicine but is now retired; John, a railroad man of Minneapolis; Harris, a railroad man living in Alabama; and Mrs. Hyde.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Hyde hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and are people of genuine personal worth. Mr. Hyde also belongs to the Masonic fraternity of Brighton. His political support is given to the republican party which he has supported since voting for John Fremont in 1856. He was township clerk at one time but has never sought nor desired office, preferring to give his time and energies to his business affairs. When Mr. Hyde was seventy-one years of age he saw the ocean for the first time, he and his wife going to the coast to visit his brother John in Lincoln county, Oregon. They also visited San Francisco, Los Angeles and other points along the Pacific, having a most enjoyable trip in the far west. Mr. Hyde has the deepest attachment for his adopted county and state, for almost his entire life has here been passed; here he grew to manhood and here he has seen the remarkable changes which have been wrought, transforming the county from a wild district inhabited by Indians to one of the populous and prosperous counties of the commonwealth. He has ever enjoyed in large measure the confidence, good will and friendship of those with whom he has come in contact and is a worthy citizen whose labors have not only been a source of individual profit but have also constituted an element in the country's substantial growth.

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#### WILLIAM H. BLUMENSTEIN.

The life history of the majority of people is not fraught with exciting incidents nor does it contain many thrilling chapters, but it is the men of the community who day by day faithfully perform their duties and uphold the legal and political status who are of genuine value to the state. To the latter class belongs William H. Blumenstein, one of the prosperous farmers of Lime Creek township who makes a specialty of raising Galloway cattle. He was born March 18, 1859, and is a son of George and Elizabeth (Eckhardt) Blumenstein, both of whom were natives of Germany. The father died about six years ago and the mother now resides at Wellman. When they came to the United States they settled in Ohio and were there married. Subsequently they removed to Indiana where they remained for two years, after which they came to Iowa and established their home in Iowa county. About thirty years ago they removed to a farm in Lime Creek township, Washington county, which contained more than three hundred acres of land. With characteristic energy the father began to till the soil and develop this place, leading the life of a prosperous and progressive agriculturist. Unto him and his wife were born six children, namely: Charles H., of Wellman, Iowa; George D., residing in Waterloo, this State; William H., of this review; Frank, of Lime Creek township; Andrew D., a resident of Iowa county; and Emma, deceased.

William H. Blumenstein, who was the third in order of birth, spent the days of his boyhood and youth under the parental roof. In fact he remained at home until thirty-six years of age. After acquiring his education in the

public schools he devoted his entire attention to the task of cultivating his father's fields and when twenty-four years of age he rented the home farm, continuing its further development and improvement until thirty-six years of age. He still makes his home in Lime Creek township and has a good property of one hundred and eighty-six acres. Not only does he till the soil but also successfully raises Galloway cattle, having some of the finest specimens of this breed in the county. He has done not a little to improve the grade of stock raised and is recognized as an authority upon fine stock.

On the 6th of February, 1892, Mr. Blumenstein was married to Miss Ellen Singleman, a daughter of William and Sophia (Bruer) Singleman, in whose family were twelve children. The father died April 3, 1890, at the age of sixty years, while the mother still survives and makes her home in Wellman. Both were natives of Germany and were numbered among the prominent representatives of the fatherland in this part of the state. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Blumenstein has been blessed with five children: May Frances and Glen Harrison, at home; Fred, deceased; and Cecil William and Geneva Alta, also at home.

In his political views Mr. Blumenstein is a democrat and always keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day. At present he is a director and also the president of the school board of district No. 2, in Lime Creek township, with which he has been officially connected for many years. He served as school treasurer for about fifteen years and is much interested in the cause of education, advocating good schools and the employment of competent teachers. He withholds his cooperation from no movement which he believes will prove of substantial value in the upbuilding and progress of the county and is a man whose progressive citizenship and sterling worth causes him to be classed with the leading residents of Lime Creek township.

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#### GEORGE MARESH, M. D.

George Maresb, a physician and surgeon of Riverside, was born in Iowa City, Iowa, on the 26th of October, 1880, and is a son of William and Antoinette (Miller) Maresb. The father was a native of Prussia and the mother of Bohemia. In her girlhood days she came to America with her parents who located in Iowa City, Iowa. William Maresb left home very young, going to St. Petersburg when about eleven years of age and was one of twenty-five foreigners who were appointed by the czar to light the palace, and in this capacity he became well acquainted with the reigning sovereign of the empire. He served an apprenticeship at cornice-making and when but fifteen or sixteen years of age came to the United States. Subsequently he located in Iowa City, being one of the early settlers of this part of the country. He is now living retired there at the age of sixty-nine years, while his wife has reached the age of sixty-seven. After taking up his abode in Iowa City he was for many years identified with cornice-making there



and was classed as one of the leading representatives of industrial interests in that part of the state.

Reared under the parental roof, Dr. Maresh acquired his early education in the public schools and in the fall of 1898 he entered the medical department of the Iowa State University at Iowa City, completing his course there with the class of 1902. Four months later he settled in Riverside, Iowa, and in the intervening years he has built up an extensive and important practice for he has proven his ability to cope with the intricate problems which continually confront the physician and at the same time he keeps in close touch with the advance of the profession as experiment, investigation and research are continually bringing to light valuable points of knowledge bearing upon his chosen life work. He is a member of the Iowa State Medical Society and the Washington County Medical Society.

Dr. Maresh was married on the 13th of July, 1904, to Miss Boynton, of Strawberry Point, Iowa, and they have two children: Lillian May and Marian Mildred. Mrs. Maresh is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and is well known socially, presiding with gracious hospitality over their pleasant home. The Doctor belongs to Victoria Lodge, No. 576, A. F. & A. M.; to Riverside Camp, No. 3762, M. W. A.; and to Iowa City Lodge, No. 590, B. P. O. E. His political support is given to the democracy but, while he manifests a citizen's interest in the political situation of the day, he does not seek or desire office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his professional duties which are of an important character. His practice makes more and more demand upon his time and energies and the ability that he has displayed therein has gained him a place of distinction in the ranks of the medical fraternity of this county.

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#### LIZZA BOTTENFIELD.

Miss Lizza Bottenfield is well known in Lime Creek township and this part of Washington county, whither she was brought by her parents during her infancy. She is a daughter of I. M. and Ellen Bottenfield, the former a native of Greene county, Pennsylvania, and the latter of West Virginia. The father was born October 17, 1818, and maintained his residence in the county of his nativity for about forty-six years, removing westward to this county in 1864. On reaching his destination he purchased the farm upon which his daughter Lizza now resides. He became the owner of one hundred and twenty acres and lived upon this place until his death. In his early manhood he had engaged in school teaching but subsequently concentrated his energies upon general agricultural pursuits and as the years went by he won a measure of prosperity that was most creditable owing to the honorable business methods he ever followed. His political allegiance was ever given to the republican party and his fellow citizens recognizing his worth and ability, frequently called him to office. He served in nearly all of the

township positions and his record was at all times creditable and commendable.

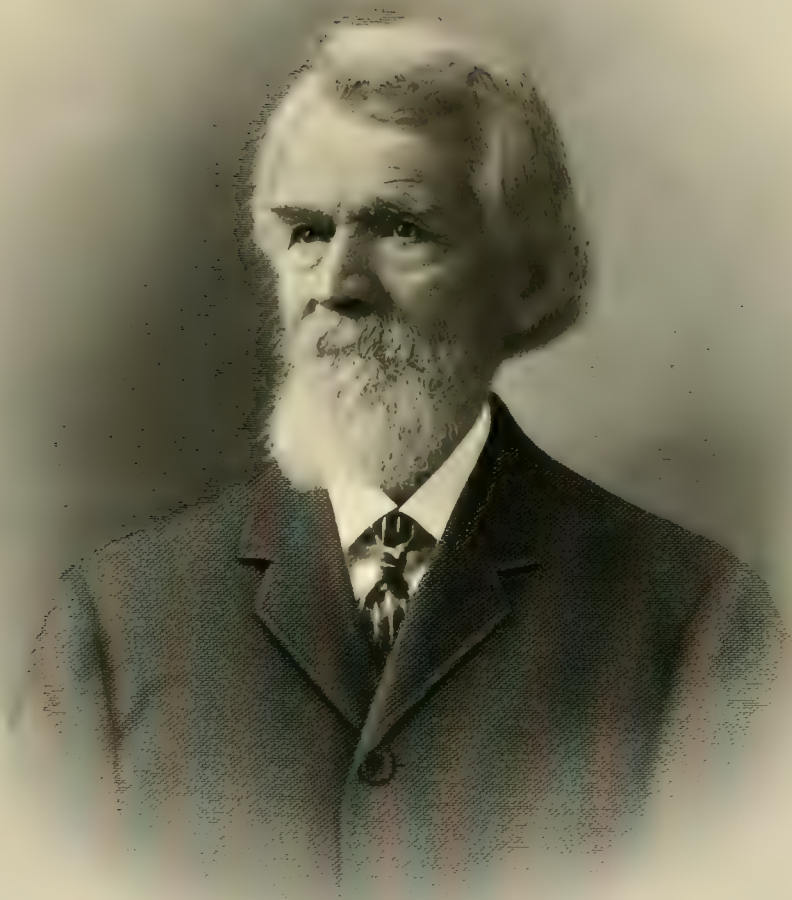
Mr. Bottenfield was married three times and by the first union had seven children, but Miss Lizza Bottenfield, of this review, is the only one living. There were no children born of the second and third marriages. The father died May 4, 1904. His third wife still survives and is now in her eightieth year. Before her last marriage she was Mrs. Ellen Hunter, a native of Harrison county, West Virginia, born in 1829.

Miss Lizza Bottenfield still lives with her father's third wife. She was born in Greene county, Pennsylvania, in 1862 and was liberally educated, supplementing her early school training by study in the Normal School at Columbus Junction, Iowa, from which she was graduated. Subsequently she engaged in teaching school for twelve years and her work in that connection was most acceptable, for she imparted readily and clearly to others the knowledge which she had acquired. She is now giving her attention to the management of the farm which she owns, and displays excellent business ability and keen discrimination in the control of her affairs. She adopted a baby boy, Alvin Smith, when he was but four months old and he is still with her and her mother.

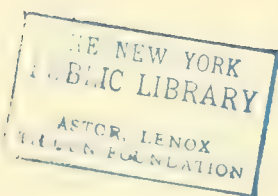
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### JOHN WOMBACHER.

John Wombacher is now living retired in Washington, but for many years he was a factor in the agricultural development of the county and his work was so successfully conducted that in the course of years he became possessed of a handsome competence. He was born in Bavaria, Germany, in the village of Alsenau in Gunsenbach, February 22, 1827, a son of John and Catharine (Hoffman) Wombacher, who were also natives of Bavaria, and of whom mention is made on another page of this volume. He was a little lad of six years when in October, 1833, the family started for the new world, reaching Baltimore harbor in March, 1834. He was reared in Cumberland, Maryland, and worked with his father on the construction of the Chesapeake & Ohio canal, and also on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. He was likewise employed at the Mount Savage Iron Works and in the coal mines. He had lived for about fourteen years in Maryland, when in 1847 he and his brother Adam left Frostburg, that state, and made their way to St. Louis, where he was employed until 1849. The cholera was epidemic there that year and because of this the brothers left the city for a time, but John Wombacher afterward returned to St. Louis and was again employed in the mines until 1850, when he went to the east. In April, 1850, he visited Iowa, but again made his way to St. Louis, and there purchased a ticket enabling him to cross the plains in a wagon and hack train to California. They crossed the Missouri river at St. Joseph on the 1st day of May, and struck out from the bluffs by way of Arkansas and Fort Kearney to the forks of the North Platte river, thence proceeded to Sweetwater, on to



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South Pass and to Salt Lake. Before reaching that point the supply of provisions of the party was exhausted and they had nothing to eat. Mr. Wombacher, on reaching the Mormon settlement, began work in the harvest fields in order to earn money with which to buy food. Supplies were purchased at Salt Lake and the flour and other provisions were loaded on a wagon drawn by a yoke of oxen and driven by a negro. While crossing the Weber river the negro became excited at the depth of the water and instead of coolly managing his team called out a command so suddenly that the oxen, swerving to the left, upset the wagon and dumped the flour and provisions into the river. They saved the flour, but it was water-soaked. No unusual incidents occurred from that time on until the end of the trip. At length the party reached their destination and Mr. Wombacher at once went to work in the foothills mining gold. For six years he remained in California, the last three years being spent at Michigan Bluff, on the middle fork of the American river.

On his return from the far west, in 1856, Mr. Wombacher purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land in Cedar township, Washington county, and thus became closely associated with the agricultural interests of this portion of the state. For forty-seven years he continued to carry on general farming and took an important part in reclaiming wild prairie land for the uses of civilization. His energy and diligence brought the fields under a high state of cultivation, and year by year he continued the task of plowing, planting and harvesting in association with his brother Adam until 1903, when he removed to Washington with his brother and lived with him until the latter's death. He now makes his home with his niece, Miss Louisa Wombacher, at No. 608 West Main street.

In religious faith Mr. Wombacher is a Catholic, while his political views accord with the teachings of the Jacksonian democracy. He attributes his long life and the good health he has enjoyed to the fact that he has always abstained from the use of narcotics and stimulants. His life of unfaltering industry has been crowned with success. There have been several interesting chapters in his history, not the least of which have been his California experiences, incidents of his western trip being related by him in a most entertaining manner.

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#### FRANK L. WILSON.

Among the prominent representatives of commercial lines in Washington is numbered Frank L. Wilson, a dealer in shoes who was born in this city, February 20, 1863. He is a son of Charles H. and Lucy (Gray) Wilson, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of West Virginia. The paternal grandfather, William Wilson, was also born in the Keystone state and in early life was a hatter who afterward became closely connected with financial interests as a banker. His was an active and progressive business career and he lived to the advanced age of eighty-one or eighty-two years. His wife died in early womanhood.

Charles H. Wilson learned the printer's trade in early manhood and in 1850 came to the west, settling in Muscatine, Iowa, where he established a paper and lived for a short time. He then came to Washington where he has since made his home and for several years was proprietor of a grocery store here. Later he established a hardware store but eventually returned to the grocery line in which he continued for a long period. Later he took up the plumbing and heating business, in which he still continues and thus for more than half a century he has been connected with business interests of this city. He wedded Miss Lucy Gray, whose parents were natives of West Virginia. Her father died in middle life while her mother passed away when about seventy-five years of age. She was one of nine children and her death occurred July 3, 1869, when she was only thirty-four years of age. After losing his first wife Charles H. Wilson wedded Miss Alice Beard and their only child is Laura, now the widow of W. R. Maxwell. By the father's first marriage there were three sons and a daughter, namely: Ella, the wife of N. Corbin, of Washington; Charles G., of Chicago; Frank L.; and Bert, deceased. The father reared his family in Washington, where for many years he has been known as an honored and representative citizen and leading business man. He has also figured somewhat prominently in public life, acting as a member of the state legislature for two terms, during which period his support of vital public measures made him a factor in promoting the substantial development of the commonwealth.

Throughout his entire life Frank L. Wilson has remained in Washington and at the usual age he entered the public schools, passing through consecutive grades. When he had put aside his text-books he engaged in clerking in a grocery store for about five years. He then began clerking in a shoe store after conducting the grocery business for a time in partnership with his father. Entering the shoe trade he was employed by J. Albert Williams and soon purchased an interest in the business which was conducted under the firm style of J. Albert Williams & Company. The senior partner died January 25, 1890, but the business was continued under the old name until January 1, 1904, when the name was changed to Frank L. Wilson & Company. The store is well appointed and a large and attractive line of goods is carried for which a ready sale is found, Mr. Wilson having from the beginning enjoyed a liberal and constantly increasing patronage.

On the 7th of October, 1884, Mr. Wilson was married to Miss Hattie Williams, who was born in Feeding Hills, Massachusetts, an only daughter of J. Albert and Cornelia I. (Bidwell) Williams. Her father was a native of Connecticut and on the 9th of February, 1864, arrived in Washington, Iowa, where he established a boot and shoe business, in which he continued until his death. His widow still survives him and now lives with her daughter. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have been born three children: Lucy Gray, Nena Frances and Ruth Harriet. The parents are members of the Methodist church and Mr. Wilson is serving on the official board. In various activities of the church they are interested and are generous contributors to its support. Mr. Wilson is also a member of Washington Lodge, No. 26, A. F. & A. M.; Cyrus Chapter, R. A. M.; and Orion Lodge, No. 75, K. P. Polit-

ically he is a republican who, as every true American citizen should do, keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day but has no aspirations for office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs, which are well managed and bring to him a substantial return. He is thoroughly reliable in all of his undertakings and has never been known to overreach a fellowman in any business transaction, his success being due to close application, well directed energy and the employment of progressive modern business methods.

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### THOMAS SIMPSON, JR.

Thomas Simpson, Jr., who was born in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, April 15, 1850, is engaged in general agriculture in this county, where he makes a specialty of raising potatoes, which vegetable he has brought to a high state of perfection. His parents were Peter and Elizabeth (Kerr) Simpson, both of whom spent their lives in Scotland, where they reared a family of six children: Elizabeth and Isabel, still residents of Scotland; Barbara and James, deceased; Thomas; and John, the whereabouts of the latter being unknown.

The common schools of his native land afforded Thomas Simpson his educational advantages, and, leaving school at the age of thirteen years, he became employed on a neighboring farm. His first work was that of watching the fields to keep the birds from destroying the budding crops. Upon this farm he remained for six years and at the age of nineteen years, being ambitious to come to the United States, the opportunities of which had inspired him to make every effort to reach its shores, he finally embarked and landed in New York city. He first located in Onondaga county, near Syracuse. There he remained for about one year and in 1868 removed to Washington county, Iowa, where he made his home with an uncle about four and one-half miles from Washington. He at once hired out on the neighboring farms, saving his scant earnings until finally he had sufficient means with which to purchase forty acres of land in Washington township, where he remained for twelve years engaging in general agriculture. At the end of that time he settled upon an adjoining farm, cultivating it for one year, and then removing upon his present tract of land, which consists of eighty acres. He made every improvement upon the place, which is now provided with a fine dwelling house, a substantial barn, and all conveniences with which to carry on the occupation of farming. It is as productive a plot of land as exists in the township, and the attention which it has received evidences in every particular the thrift of its owner. While he produces general crops and is interested in stock-breeding he makes a specialty of raising potatoes, in which commodity he carries on an extensive business and is known in the domestic markets for the high state of perfection to which he has developed that vegetable.

January 1, 1877, Mr. Simpson wedded Miss Martha Elma Eckles, a native of this county, and to them have been born: Emma Elizabeth; Mary Ella; Irena Bell; and one child who died in infancy. Mr. Simpson is a man of high moral character, always dutiful in the performance of his religious obligations, and belongs to the Free church of Scotland. He is a man of great energy and industry who has done much toward developing the natural resources of the community, in which he is justly held in high respect as a leading agriculturist.

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### HENRY MARTIN EICHER.

Henry Martin Eicher, to whom public opinion accords a foremost place at the Washington bar, is practicing as senior partner of the firm of Eicher & Livingston, with a clientage commensurate with the skill and ability which he displays in the solution of intricate legal problems. He was born in Marion township, Washington county, Iowa, May 29, 1858, and comes of an old German family. His grandfather, Joseph Eicher, lived and died in Alsace, where he followed the occupation of farming until his life's labors were ended by death. He married Elizabeth Conrad, who died when about sixty-five years of age. They were the parents of eight sons and two or three daughters, the family including Joseph, Peter, Christian, John, Daniel, Martin, Benjamin, Mrs. Witmer and Mrs. Sommer.

Benjamin Eicher, the father of Henry M. Eicher, was born in France and came to America in 1848 when seventeen years of age. He established his home in Wooster, Ohio, where he was reared to manhood. But the opportunities of the country west of the Mississippi attracted him and in 1852 he came to Washington county, Iowa, purchasing a farm of forty acres in Marion township, to which he added from time to time. Here he improved his farm and reared his family. He was married in Marion township to Miss Lydia Sommer, a native of Ohio, and a daughter of Joseph Sommer, who was born in Pennsylvania and was of German descent. He married Elizabeth Miller and made farming his life work. In 1851 he arrived in Iowa, settling in Marion township, Washington county, where he purchased and improved land, bringing his farm under a high state of cultivation. Both he and his wife died in this county, Mrs. Sommer having passed middle life when called to her final rest, while Mr. Sommer reached the age of eighty-two years, his death occurring in 1888. Their children were as follows: Susanna, the wife of Samuel Hage; Catharine, the wife of Daniel Winter; Lydia, the wife of Benjamin Eicher; Eve, the wife of Peter Goldsmith; Barbara, the wife of Peter Miller; Henry; Lou, who wedded John A. Rumble; and Martha, the wife of G. W. Neff.

Following the marriage of Benjamin Eicher and Lydia Sommer, they established their home upon a farm in Marion township and year by year Mr. Eicher tilled the fields and cultivated his crops. His death occurred upon the place where he first settled, although in the meantime its boundaries



had been greatly extended, the farm comprising one hundred and sixty acres. He passed away in 1893 at the age of sixty-one years, while his widow survived him until 1905 and was sixty-six years of age at the time of her death. He held various township offices, the duties of which he discharged with promptness and fidelity, and with the moral interests of the community he was closely associated. He was greatly interested in building up the Mennonite church in his community and acted as its preacher for a number of years. Early in the development of this part of the state the Mennonites established a strong colony and for some years the people worshipped in private houses. This was the custom among the Amish brethren at that time. The first church building was erected near Noble in 1868 at an actual cost of six hundred dollars. All of the labor and a great part of the material was furnished by the members, for in those days time and wood were more plentiful mediums of exchange than silver and gold. In 1895 this old church was replaced by the present modern structure. Not long after the organization of the church Benjamin Eicher was ordained to the ministry. The congregation affiliated with the Amish conference until 1874 and in that year withdrew and remained an independent Mennonite congregation until 1892 when they joined the middle district Mennonite conference. By the year 1893 it had become strongly established with a membership of about one hundred and thirty and a large number of adherents. During this time Rev. Eicher had continued as pastor until his work was ended in death, December 7, 1893.

The home of Rev. Benjamin and Mrs. Eicher was blessed with thirteen children, nine sons and four daughters: Elizabeth, the wife of G. C. Noble, residing in Crete, Nebraska; Henry M., the subject of this review; Franklin P., deceased; Joseph D., of Packwood, Iowa; John H., of Springdale, Arkansas; Ezra J., residing in Wayland, Iowa; Noah J., whose home is in Winfield, Iowa; William B., residing in Peoria, Illinois; David E., of Johnson, Arkansas; Salina J., the wife of John Swartzendruber, of Pulaski, Iowa; Clara J., the wife of Harvey Allebach, residing in Wayland, Iowa; Cora, who died at the age of two and a half years; and Edward C., of Chicago.

In taking up the personal history of Henry Martin Eicher, we present the record of one who needs no introduction to the readers of this volume for he has lived all his life in Washington county and has so directed his energies and utilized his innate talents and powers as to win for himself a prominent place in professional circles, at the same time enjoying the respect and honor of all with whom he has come in contact. He was reared on the home farm and pursued his early education in the district schools, after which he entered the Eastern Iowa Normal School at Grandview. Subsequently he engaged in teaching for ten terms in the district schools but regarded this merely as an initial step to other professional labor, it being his desire to become a member of the bar. To this end he began reading law in March, 1880, in the office of Judge A. R. Dewey, and while teaching school his leisure hours were devoted to further law study until he was admitted to the bar in September, 1883, and entered upon the active practice of law. From the beginning his progress has been uniform and rapid.

for he possesses a keen, logical mind, plus the business sense and in argument is strong and forceful. He presents his case cogently and convincingly and is ready at all times to meet every possible point of attack. On the 1st of March, 1907, he admitted S. W. Livingston to a partnership under the firm style of Eicher & Livingston and the most liberal clientage is now accorded them.

On the 26th of June, 1888, Mr. Eicher was married to Miss Frances Celia McKee, who was born in Washington and who spent her entire life here. Her parents are Samuel E. and Hannah (Harris) McKee, natives of Pennsylvania and Ohio respectively. They became early residents of Washington and her mother died in 1887, while the father now lives in Allegheny, Pennsylvania. They were the parents of four children: Charles C., David H., Paul N. and Frances Celia. The last named became the wife of Mr. Eicher and unto them have been born two daughters and a son, Hannah Harris, Lydia Sommer and Heinrich Martin.

Mr. Eicher was a member of the Mennonite church until 1906 when he transferred his membership to the Second United Presbyterian church of which his wife was a member. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party and he has served as city attorney, while during his teaching days he was assessor of his township. He has always been interested in progressive public measures, giving stalwart support to every movement which is a matter of civic virtue and civic pride. Moreover he possesses a courteous, genial manner which makes him popular with his many friends, while in his profession he has attained that success which is the logical sequence of close application, thorough and discriminating study and careful analysis.

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### LEE W. GORDEN.

Lee W. Gorden, the owner of a good farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Cedar township, to the cultivation and improvement of which he is now devoting his time and energies, was born in this township on the 19th of October, 1874, his parents being James and Martha (Simpson) Gorden, who were natives of Ohio. They came to Iowa at an early day and are still living in Washington county, being numbered among its respected and worthy residents. Their family numbers three children, namely: Lee W., of this review; Andrew M., who is a resident of this county; and Ellen B., at home.

Lee W. Gorden obtained his education in the common schools and remained under the parental roof until he reached adult age. Subsequently he was engaged in the operation of a rented farm for five years and on the expiration of that period purchased the farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Cedar township on which he now resides. He has placed many substantial improvements on the property and the well tilled fields annually produce golden harvests in return for the care and labor which he bestows upon them. In carrying on his farm he displays modern methods of agricul-

ture, is practical and energetic and has gained recognition among the prosperous and progressive citizens of his native county.

On the 30th of December, 1903, Mr. Gorden was united in marriage to Miss Anna Dittmer, who was born in Logan county, Illinois, January 16, 1882, and came to Iowa in 1895. Her father is deceased but her mother is still living in Washington county. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Dittmer were born four children: Christopher and Henry, both of whom are residents of this county; George, at home; and Mrs. Gorden. The last named has become the mother of one son, Wilbur James, whose birth occurred September 17, 1906.

In politics Mr. Gorden is an unfaltering republican and is now serving his second term as assessor. Both he and his wife are devoted and consistent members of the Presbyterian church, the teachings of which they exemplify in their daily lives. Having always lived in this county, Mr. Gorden is well known within its borders, while his many excellent traits of character have won him the regard and esteem of all with whom he has been associated.

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### JAMES LUKAVSKY.

James Lukavsky, who is capably serving his fellow townsmen as a member of the board of trustees of Iowa township, is actively and successfully identified with the agricultural interests of this county, owning and operating an excellent farm of two hundred and thirty-seven acres in Iowa township. His birth occurred in Bohemia on the 13th of January, 1861, his parents being Anthony and Catherine (Zakan) Lukavsky, who were born, reared and married in that country. In 1865 they crossed the Atlantic to the United States with their family of four sons and four daughters, locating in Lime Creek township, Washington county, Iowa. The father there purchased a farm of eighty acres, which he gave to his oldest son, Joseph, at the end of five years and then removed to Highland township, where he bought one hundred and sixty acres of land. After residing thereon for a number of years he divided the property between his sons James and Frank and purchased a tract of land of one hundred acres in Jackson township, there continuing to make his home until called to his final rest in 1893, at the age of sixty-four years. He was widely recognized as one of the county's substantial agriculturists and prosperous citizens and his demise was the occasion of deep regret to his extensive circle of friends.

James Lukavsky was reared under the parental roof and acquired his education in the common schools. When he had attained his majority his father gave him eighty acres of the home farm and he thus began his career as an agriculturist. He energetically and industriously carried on the work of the fields on his Highland township farm for five years and then disposed of the property to his brother, purchasing a tract of one hundred and twenty acres in Oregon township, where he made his home for two years and then

sold the place. Subsequently he bought the Hiram Reynolds farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Jackson township, continuing its cultivation and improvement for five years, on the expiration of which period he leased the property and removed to Riverside. At that place he was successfully engaged in the buying and shipping of stock for about five years, at the end of which time, in 1902, he sold his Jackson township farm and bought his present place of two hundred and thirty-seven acres in Iowa township. Subsequently he purchased seventy-six acres of the C. S. Cole farm, which property he has recently given to his son Edward. Twenty-six years ago he started out in life on his own account with a capital of seven hundred dollars and owing to his indomitable energy, enterprise and capable management has prospered in his business career until he has gained recognition as a leading agriculturist and representative citizen of Washington county.

In 1883 Mr. Lukavsky was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Sadle, a resident of Jackson township, this county, but a native of Bohemia. By this union there have been born eight children, as follows: Edward, who carries on farming in Iowa township; Elmer, at home; Frank, who is a graduate of Brown's Business College at Davenport and is now engaged in the life insurance business at that place; and James, William, John, Mary and Anna, all of whom are still at home.

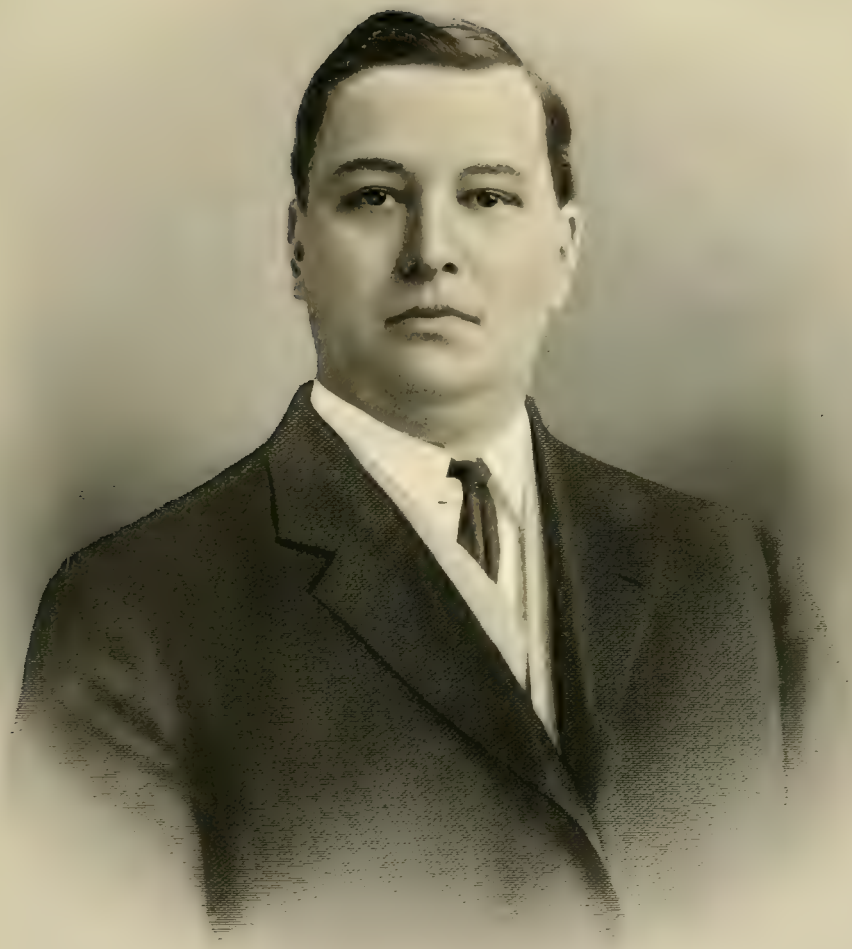
In his political views Mr. Lukavsky is a stalwart democrat and is now serving his fourth term as a member of the board of trustees of Iowa township, proving a most efficient and reliable public official. Both he and his wife are devoted communicants of the Catholic church and are highly esteemed throughout the community as people of genuine personal worth and upright, honorable lives. He has gained his present position of prosperity by methods which neither seek nor require disguise, and over the record of his business and private life there falls no shadow of wrong or suspicion of evil.

### FRED HUGH SMITH.

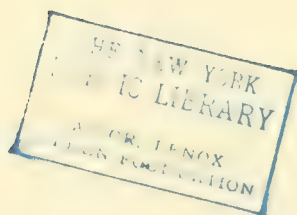
Fred Hugh Smith, treasurer of the George H. Paul Company, in which connection he sustains important relations to extensive real-estate operations, contributing in substantial measure to the development of the west, was born in Washington, Iowa, April 23, 1874. His parents were Andrew Graham and Anna Josephine (Peck) Smith. The father was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, which was also the birthplace of the mother, who is now residing in Washington. They became the parents of five children, three daughters and two sons: Jennie, now the wife of John B. McCartney, a traveling salesman living in Washington; Fred Hugh, of this review; Kate, a resident of Washington; Edward L., who is cashier of the State Bank of Kemmerer, Wyoming; and Gertrude, a teacher in the Washington public schools.

Fred Hugh Smith is indebted to the public school system of his native city for the educational privileges which he enjoyed and which qualified him





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for life's practical and responsible duties. He left school at the age of fifteen years, having graduated with the class of 1890, and made his initial step in the business world in the Western Union Telegraph office in this city, learning the business. He was with the Rock Island and also with the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company as operator for five years, at the end of which time he accepted a clerical position in the Washington National Bank, serving in that capacity until October, 1908. In the meantime he had been promoted to the position of assistant cashier. In 1908 he entered the real-estate firm of the George H. Paul Company, incorporated, as treasurer, and is still holding that position. As the manager of its financial interests he displays marked ability and executive force and is regarded as one of the foremost representatives of real-estate dealing in this part of the country. He possesses strong and determined purpose, enabling him to carefully execute well defined plans.

In December, 1895, Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Bertha M. Simmons, who was born in the state of New York in 1875 and is a daughter of Charles R. and Jeannette (Smith) Simmons. Her father was a railroad engineer and died in 1896, but the mother still survives and is now living with Mr. and Mrs. Smith. Two children have been born unto this marriage: Katherine Jeannette, who was born August 11, 1898; and Charles Maurice, born June 30, 1900. The parents are members of the Presbyterian church and Mr. Smith also belongs to the Masonic fraternity and to the Knights of Pythias lodge, being an exemplary representative of those organizations. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he served as city treasurer of Washington for five years but otherwise has not held office nor has he desired political preferment. He is never remiss in his duties of citizenship and has given substantial aid and co-operation to many movements for the public good but rather than hold office he prefers to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs and his ability and enterprise have carried him into important relations and gained for him a place among the leading men of the community.

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### SCHUYLER WILSON LIVINGSTON.

Prominent among the successful attorneys-at-law in Washington is Schuyler Wilson Livingston, junior partner of the firm of Eicher & Livingston. In no profession does advancement depend more entirely upon individual merit and, realizing the fact that the successful lawyer must base his rise upon thorough understanding of legal principles and a correct application thereof to the points in litigation, Mr. Livingston has ever remained a close and thorough student of the law. He stands as a typical representative of the progressive western spirit. One of Iowa's native sons he was born at Ainsworth, October 14, 1872, and is a son of William J. and Eva E. (McMillan) Livingston, the former a native of New York and the latter of Iowa. The Livingstons were among the old families of the Empire state,

the grandfather, William Henry Livingston, having also been born there. He was a farmer by occupation and also acted as general adviser to his neighbors in all matters of vital importance to them. He was a man of unquestioned integrity, of sound judgment and of helpful spirit and his life was in harmony with his profession as an elder in the United Presbyterian church. He married Miss Catharine Bain, a representative of the same stock as Peter Bain of Revolutionary war fame. Removing westward when Iowa was still a frontier district they settled in Washington county but eventually took up their abode in Leslie, Sumter county, Georgia, where both died and were buried, Mrs. Livingston reaching the very advanced age of about ninety years. Their family numbered two sons, William J. and Thomas and a daughter, Sarah, who became the wife of Edward Benson. The elder son, reared in Iowa, became a school teacher in early manhood and afterward turned his attention to surveying and the practice of law. Prior to the war he came to Iowa, settling in Washington county, near Ainsworth, the family home being established on a farm. He, therefore, grew to manhood on the home farm there and followed his preliminary business experience, as a teacher, by the practice of law and surveying. At the time of his death he was in the employ of the Duluth & Winnipeg Railroad Company and was superintendent of the construction of the road from Duluth to Winnipeg. He died as the result of exposure on the 22d of November, 1882, when he had just passed his thirty-fourth year. At one time he served as county surveyor of Washington county and is yet remembered by many of the older settlers here. His wife still survives him. She bore the name of Eva E. McMillan and was born in Iowa, her parents being Richard Bouten and Mary (Currie) McMillan. Her father was a native of New York and devoted his life to general agricultural pursuits. He came to Iowa with his father, Thomas McMillan, who entered land from the government just east of the present site of Washington and removed into the old Jonathan Wilson home, living with him that winter. Richard McMillan was reared to manhood and married in this county. Unto him and his wife were born a number of children: Edward C.; Thomas Chalmers; William W.; Richard A.; Eva E.; Emma, the wife of Rev. J. A. Alexander, of Crafton, Pennsylvania; Cora F., the wife of the Rev. J. U. Stotts, both being missionaries in China; Grace, the wife of William A. Gibson, of Washington, Iowa; Frances, the wife of the Rev. John Ferguson; and Lorenzo and Adda, who died during their infancy.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Livingston were two in number: Schuyler W. and Ralph L. The former was reared in Washington county, Iowa, and following his father's death lived on the farm of Colonel D. J. Palmer who sent him to college. After attending the public schools of Washington and the academy here he pursued a classical course in Monmouth (Ill.) College, from which he was graduated with the class of 1895. His education completed he became superintendent and treasurer of the gas and electric light plant at Centerville, Iowa, where he remained for two years. He was associated there with T. P. Shonts, president of the company and D. C. Campbell. With them he went to Chicago, where he remained for



three years and during that period he devoted his time, outside of business hours, to studying law, pursuing a night course until he was admitted to the bar in that city in 1898. He did considerable legal work for this firm and thus added to his theoretical training beneficial practical experience. In the spring of 1901 he returned to Washington, where he has practiced continuously since, remaining alone for five years and then entering into partnership with Henry M. Eicher.

On the 22d of April, 1897, Mr. Livingston was married to Miss Alice I. Samson, a daughter of H. F. and Isabel (McKenry) Samson, and a native of Wyman, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Livingston have become parents of three children: David Palmer, Alice Louise and Schuyler William. The parents are members of the Second United Presbyterian church, of which he is president and politically Mr. Livingston is a republican. His interest in community affairs is that of a public-spirited citizen who withholds his cooperation from no movement or measure calculated to prove of public good. His standing at the bar is a merited tribute to his ability and indicates his thoroughness in his preparation of cases and his correctness in the application of legal principles.

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#### HON. B. F. BROWN.

When the history of Washington county and its representative citizens shall be written it will contain the name of no man more worthy of representation in the volume than Hon. B. F. Brown, who for fifty-two years has resided here and throughout the entire period has been identified with its agricultural life and its public interests. His influence has always been on the side of progress, reform and improvement and in business circles he has made steady advancement along honorable lines. He resides in Cedar township where he owns a good farm property. He was born in Knox county, Ohio, on the 3d of May, 1833. His parents were Joseph and Rachel (Hood) Brown, natives of Brooke county, West Virginia, and of Baltimore county, Maryland, respectively. Following their marriage they established their home in Knox county, Ohio, where they lived for a number of years and then removed to Brooke county, West Virginia, where they resided until 1863. They removed westward to Washington county, Iowa, settling in Marion township where the mother died in 1871. There the father lived until his death which occurred in 1882 and in his passing the life of a good man was ended. For over a half century he had been a devoted, faithful and loyal member of the Methodist Episcopal church and had guided his life by its teachings. He ever endeavored to do unto others as he would have them do unto him and as the years passed his honesty of purpose and sterling worth won him the respect of all with whom he came in contact. Unto him and his wife were born ten children, of whom nine were sons, the daughter being Mary Ann, now the widow of David Counselman and a resident of Howard county, Iowa.

B. F. Brown spent his youth in Ohio and West Virginia and since coming to Iowa has been identified with general agricultural pursuits. He is today the owner of an excellent farm in Cedar township, comprising two hundred and forty acres of land and the place is well developed and highly improved, being supplied with all modern conveniences and accessories found upon the model farm of the twentieth century. He is persistent, diligent and progressive in his work and his work has been attended by a gratifying measure of success.

That Mr. Brown has not confined his time and energy solely to his business affairs is well known, for he has ever found opportunity to cooperate in the measures and movements which are put forth for the public good. He is never neglectful of the duties of citizenship and at all times keeps well informed concerning the important issues and questions before the public. In 1874 he was elected a member of the fifteenth general assembly of Iowa, in which he served for one term. He was chosen for the office on the anti-monopoly ticket and was one of the men who framed and secured the passage of the first railroad tariff law. He was also identified with other restrictive and regulative legislation and also with progressive movements which have been important elements in the welfare of the state since that time.

Mr. Brown was united in marriage to Miss Sarah I. Kinkade, who was born in Union county, Ohio, a daughter of Eleazer and Hannah (Lyons) Kinkade. Her father was a native of Brooke county, West Virginia, and her mother of Pennsylvania. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Brown have been born a son and daughter: Charles R., whose birth occurred October 1, 1862, is a preacher, now located in Oakland, California. Ella M., born June 25, 1871, is the wife of Seth Thomas, now principal of the high school at Fort Dodge, Iowa, and the mother of one daughter, Eleanor. Mr. and Mrs. Brown are widely known in this county, where they have now resided for many years and their many sterling traits of character have gained them a place with the leading citizens of the county. Mr. Brown is a man of force and enterprise in business, of keen discernment in public affairs and of unquestioned loyalty and patriotic purpose. While working toward high ideals he uses practical methods and, therefore, accomplishes substantial results.

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#### HORACE SEELEY.

Horace Seeley is the owner of a valuable farm of one hundred and sixty-five acres in Brighton township and in addition he has real-estate holdings in Texas. His home place is well improved, presenting a neat and attractive appearance. He has spent the greater part of his life in Washington county, although his birth occurred in Ashtabula county, Ohio, on the 15th of September, 1855, his parents being Julius and Lucinda (Hagarty) Seeley. The father, who was a native of the state of New York, removed westward to Ohio prior to his marriage and there lived until 1865, when he came to Iowa, locating on section 7, Clay township, Washington county. He at

once began to develop and improve a farm and continued its cultivation until his life's labors were ended in death in 1875. His demise was occasioned by a gunshot wound inflicted by unknown parties, who attacked him while he was returning home from Brighton, supposed to have been the work of a cowardly enemy. His wife was born and reared in Ohio and, long surviving her husband, spent her last days in Brighton, where she died in 1908, at the home of her son, Horace, her remains being interred in the Brighton cemetery. In their family were three children: Harriet, the wife of D. E. Nordyke, of Brighton; Horace; and one who died in infancy.

No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for Horace Seeley in his boyhood and youth. He was educated in the common schools and remained at home until the death of his father, after which he and his mother came into possession of two-thirds of the old homestead and he has since continued to farm this land. His life has been characterized by thrift and industry, by diligence and determination. He is now the owner of one hundred and sixty-five acres on sections 7 and 8, Brighton township, and the farm is well improved, giving every indication of the careful supervision and practical methods of an owner whose progressive spirit is shown in the well tilled fields and the substantial improvements upon his place. He also has one hundred and sixty acres of land in Texas. From his home farm he annually gathers rich harvests, his labors bringing to him substantial success.

In 1884 Mr. Seeley was united in marriage to Miss Ida E. Stucker and unto them have been born five children: Ezra, at home; Myrtle, the wife of Warren Kintz, a resident farmer of Brighton township; Vernon, Grace and Imogene, all at home. In his political views Mr. Seeley is a stalwart republican, thoroughly in harmony with the principles and policy of the party and has held some minor township offices but prefers to give his undivided attention to his business affairs, which, capably managed, are bringing to him well merited success.

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### HENRY STICHTER.

As Iowa became settled by a class of progressive and enterprising men, its broad prairies were used for general agricultural pursuits and it was found that no state in the Union produced finer or larger crops of grain and other cereals. Then came a period of experimentation in fruit growing and it was proven that this soil was as productive in this direction as in the cultivation of grain. Henry Stichter is well known as one of the most successful horticulturists of this part of the state. He was born in Union county, Pennsylvania, March 12, 1845, his parents being Levi and Catharine (Wingart) Stichter, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. The father was a farmer by occupation and on his removal from Pennsylvania to Ohio settled in Miami county of the latter state, where he lived for five years. He then removed to Stephenson county, Illinois, where he engaged

in farming, giving his attention to general agricultural pursuits there until his death in 1890. He was born in Union county, Pennsylvania, and was married in 1855. His wife, also a native of Union county, born in 1824, passed away in 1893. They were the parents of eleven children, six sons and five daughters: Henry, of this review; Elizabeth, the wife of A. Sowers, of Abilene, Kansas; Sarah, the deceased wife of Herman F. Hanke; George, of Freeport, Illinois; David and Martin, also of Freeport, Illinois; Catharine, the wife of A. S. Marigold, of Bloomington, Illinois; Lucinda, the wife of H. M. Wolford, of Freeport, Illinois; Mary, the wife of Andrew Phillips, also of Freeport, Illinois; Orange, of Freeport; and a child who died in infancy.

The ancestry of the Stichter family can be traced back to a still more remote period. In fact, authentic history gives the information that the Stichter family belongs to a most ancient and illustrious nobility of Westphalia and possessed some rich estates near Paderborn and Osnabrueck, whence emigrations were made by members of the family to other countries. The first known ancestor was Woldemar Stichter who, about the year 1189 of the Christian era, was knighted and ennobled by the Duke Henry for his many faithful services. His wife was Meta of Thornburg. Barnhart Stichter, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Germaany and came to America about 1800, settling in Union county, Pennsylvania, where he reared a family of ten children. His sons were Valentine, Samuel, John, Jacob and Levi. In the maternal line it is known that the grandfather of Henry Stichter was a native of Union county, Pennsylvania. He married Elizabeth Schontz, whose mother was shot through by an Indian arrow in the Wyoming massacre. Mr. and Mrs. Wingart had a large family, including Ann, Julia, Catharine, Henry and Sophia.

Until thirteen years of age Henry Stichter of this review lived in Pennsylvania and then removed to Ohio. Three years later, when but a boy of sixteen years, he offered his services to the government and enlisted as a member of Company E, Forty-eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which he served for four and a half years. For six months he was in the rebel prison at Camp Ford, Tyler, Texas, and suffered the hardships incident to life in the southern prison pens. At Vicksburg, on the 22d of May, he was slightly wounded. He participated in the following engagements: Shiloh, siege of Corinth; Chickasaw Bayou; Arkansas Post; Port Gibson; Raymond; Champion Hills; Black River Bridge; the assault on and siege of Vicksburg; Jackson, Mississippi; Sabine Cross Roads, Louisiana; the capture of Fort Blakely; and in numerous skirmishes. Mr. Stichter never missed a day from his regiment, was never in the hospital through illness, and was always found at his post of duty, whether on the firing line or on the lonely picket line. He was at the front while five birthdays passed and in five different states at the time, and he served under five different captains. His was an honorable military experience, bringing him a most creditable record.

When the war was over Mr. Stichter removed to Livingston county, Illinois, where his parents had taken up their abode while he was at the front. He lived there for a year and was married the next spring, after



which he came to Washington, Iowa, in the summer of 1867. Here he worked as a day laborer for a few years and later served as deputy sheriff for ten years under Bunker, Sweet and O'Laughlin, who successively filled the office of sheriff. He was likewise a member of the city council for eight years and was marshal and constable for four years. About 1878 he bought twelve acres of land inside the corporation limits and has since grown small fruits, giving his attention to this business with excellent success for about thirty years. In 1888 he built a fine home on land near the dwelling which he had occupied since 1870. On the 30th of May, 1867, Mr. Stichter was married to Miss Susan Yetter, who was born in Miami county, Ohio, December 9, 1838. She was a daughter of Louis and Elizabeth (Baer) Yetter. Her parents were natives of Pennsylvania and on leaving that state removed to Ohio, while later they settled in Hancock county, Illinois. There the father died in 1886 at the age of seventy-five years, while his wife died in 1857. They were the parents of fifteen children, six sons and nine daughters, of whom the following are now living: Simon, Mary, Barbara, Louis, William, Catharine, Christopher, John, and Henry. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Stichter has been blessed with eight children: Minnie M., who married Charles J. Fulton, of Fairfield, Iowa, and has three children, Charles Clark, Catharine Eliza and Susan Elizabeth; Eugene, a boot and shoe dealer in Chelan, Washington, who married Laura Springer and has one daughter, Genevieve; Catharine, a teacher in the Washington public schools; Owen, who died in infancy; Bernice, also deceased; Otto B., who married Fannie Shearer, was born in Washington, Iowa, in 1877, and enlisted in the Spanish-American war as a sergeant in Company D, Fiftieth Iowa Regiment; Bessie E., who died at the age of five years; and Royal, single, who conducts the East Side Restaurant in Washington. Mr. Stichter belongs to I. G. White Post, No. 108, G. A. R., of which he is a past commander. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he is a citizen of progressive public spirit, interested in all matters relating to the general welfare. His worth as a factor in the life of the community is disputed by none. In business he has made a creditable record, bringing him into prominent relations with commercial interests and gaining for him a substantial competence as the years have gone by.

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#### HENRY G. HAGIST.

Henry G. Hagist made purchase of his present farm in 1905, thus coming into possession of one hundred and sixty acres of land which he has now greatly improved not only through cultivation according to modern methods but also by the erection of a number of modern buildings. Illinois places him among her native sons, his birth having occurred in Bureau county on the 7th of April, 1863. He is a son of George and Wilhelmina (Mahlin) Hagist, both of whom were natives of Germany, where they were reared and married. Subsequently they determined to try their fortune in the new

world and crossed the Atlantic, arriving in Bureau county, Illinois, where they lived for a number of years. In 1867 they came to Iowa, establishing their home in Keokuk county, where they purchased a quarter section of land for which he gave nine hundred dollars. Thereon he continued to reside until his death, which occurred in 1908, while his wife passed away in 1906. He was more than eighty-two years of age at the time of his demise while his wife died when seventy-six years of age.

Henry G. Hagist was but four years old when his parents left Illinois and came to Iowa. His education was, therefore, acquired in the public schools of this state and his training was such as most farm boys receive, for when not busy with the duties of the schoolroom or occupied with the pleasures of the playground he worked in the fields, assisting his father until he had attained his majority. He then started out in life on his own account and was occupied for one year with the care of a farm which he rented in Keokuk county. In 1885 he removed to Seventy-Six township, Washington county, and rented the J. W. Tallman farm of three hundred and twenty acres, which he cultivated continuously and successfully for seventeen or eighteen years. In 1905 he purchased his present farm of one hundred and sixty acres from the P. H. Tallman estate and has since made notable changes in its appearance through the many modern improvements he has put upon it. He has erected good farm buildings, which are most attractive in appearance and substantial in workmanship. He is actuated in all that he does by a spirit of progress and is justly accounted one of the leading farmers of the community.

In 1890 Mr. Hagist was married to Miss Florence Tallman, a daughter of P. H. Tallman, now deceased, and unto them have been born two children, Hazel and Gertrude, who are still at home. Mr. Hagist is a stalwart advocate of republican principles and fraternally he is connected with Cretona Lodge, No. 365, K. of P., of Keota. Almost his entire life has been passed in Iowa and he is a typical representative of the citizenship of the middle west, manifesting that spirit of endurance, of enterprise and of progress which has been the dominant factor in the upbuilding of this section of the country.

#### ADAM WOMBACHER.

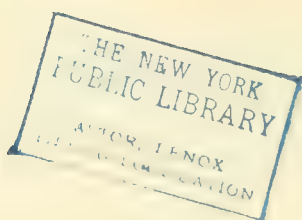
In the history of Washington county's successful and honored citizens none is more worthy of mention than Adam Wombacher, who for a half century was identified with the farming interests of that part of the state. Coming to Iowa when this region was largely unimproved and undeveloped, he set himself resolutely to the task of breaking and cultivating the land, and as he promoted his individual interests he also contributed to the general prosperity, for every effort along lines of improvement is an element in the county's substantial upbuilding. Moreover, his integrity stood as an unquestioned factor in his career, and in his life he displayed many sterling characteristics which are worthy of emulation.



Adam Wendtacker



Leanda Wendtacker





He was born in Bavaria, Germany, March 25, 1824, and was one of a family of two sons and a daughter, his brother being John Wombacher, while the sister, Margaret, became the wife of Conrad Streb and has now passed away. The parents, John and Catharine (Hoffman) Wombacher, were both natives of Bavaria and the father followed farming in that country until about 1833, when he heard and heeded the call of the new world. On crossing the Atlantic, he settled in Maryland, near Cumberland, and was employed by the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal Company and also by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company. Again believing that better opportunities were to be found further westward he crossed the mountains in 1847 and made his way over the prairies of the middle west to Iowa, settling in Washington county. For a year or two he lived in the city of Washington, after which he purchased land in Riverside. His death resulted from the kick of a horse in 1865 when he was past middle life. He had lost his first wife in Germany about 1827. To him and his second wife, Mrs. Eva Wombacher, there were born ten children: Peter; Andrew; Joseph; William; George, deceased; Sylvester; George, the second of the name; Elizabeth, the wife of Rocus Kneleb, of Hill Siding, Iowa; Mrs. Mary Heitzman, of Riverside; and Ann, the wife of Constantine Armbruster.

Adam Wombacher spent the first thirteen years of his life in the land of his nativity and then crossed the broad Atlantic to the new world. The ocean voyage was an experience which he never forgot, and his first impressions concerning the new land also remained vividly in his memory to his dying day. He lived for one year in Baltimore, Maryland, also in Hancock, that state, for a year and afterward removed to Cumberland, Maryland, where he remained until twenty-one years of age. On attaining his majority he removed westward to St. Louis, where he worked in a coal mine, and while there employed he was married.

It was in October, 1850, that Mr. Wombacher wedded Mrs. Leocada Cayou, a daughter of Anton and Elizabeth (Veain) Marshall. Mrs. Wombacher was born in Carondelet, Missouri, August 4, 1828. She had an own brother and sister, the latter being Margaret Marshall, and also had three half-sisters and two half-brothers: Hyppolite, Antoinette, Catharine, Frank and Amelia Tayon. The Tayons were among the oldest French families of St. Louis and that part of Missouri. By her first marriage Mrs. Wombacher had two children: Louis, who died when three years of age; and Sylvester, living at Riverton, Nebraska. He wedded Mary Morris and they had eleven children: Elizabeth, John, Robert, James, Margaret, William, Ira, Ralph, George, and two whose names are not known. Having lost her first husband Mrs. Cayou became the wife of Adam Wombacher, as previously stated.

In 1851, the year following their marriage, they removed westward to Washington county, Iowa, and lived in a part of Jonathan Wilson's house, while Mr. Wombacher rented and cultivated the Wilson farm for a year. He had first visited the state in 1845, at which time he entered land from the government and bought other land at one dollar and a quarter per acre. After cultivating the Wilson place for a year, he built a cabin on his own

land in Cedar township and as the years passed added to his property, owning six hundred and forty acres, of which six hundred acres lies in Cedar township and the remainder in Franklin township. With characteristic energy he began to cultivate the land and transformed the wild prairie into highly improved fields that annually brought forth rich crops. Year after year he carefully conducted the work of the farm and transformed it into a valuable tract, its rich harvests enabling him to provide liberally for his family.

After living on his farm for half a century Mr. Wombacher took up his abode in Washington, purchasing and remodeling a good residence before he returned to the town. His home was at No. 608 West Main street, and there his daughter, Miss Louisa C. Wombacher, still resides, while her father's brother, John Wombacher, also makes his home there, having lived with the family since 1856.

Mr. and Mrs. Wombacher were parents of one son and four daughters: Mary Josephine, the eldest, became the wife of James Dautremont, now deceased. She lives in Riverside, Iowa, and by her marriage she became the mother of twelve children, but the first born, Louis, died at the age of one year. The others were: Ellen, William, Charles V., Edward Adam, Henry, Hannah, George, Raymond, Rose, Oscar and Richard. John Paul, the only son of the family, died at the age of three years. Sarah Elizabeth, the second daughter, became the wife of Henry Swift, of Riverside, and their family numbers twelve children: Mary Louisa, who is now a Sister of Charity; Lily Margaret, a Franciscan sister; Lucy; John Loras; Esther; Charles V.; Claudius; Hubert and Clare, twins; Francis; and Stella Margaret and Sarah Elizabeth, both of whom died in early childhood. Margaret Ann is the wife of Frank Swift, a brother of Henry Swift, and they reside in Dayton, Ohio. Their family numbers eleven sons and daughters: Mary, who died in infancy; and Stella, also deceased; Edward Adam; Isabel Elizabeth; Louisa Elvira; Josephine Appolonia; Elizabeth Catharine; Bertha Margaret; Leonard; Paul; and Loretta. The other member of the family of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Wombacher is Miss Louisa Catherine Wombacher, to whom we are indebted for the information concerning her worthy and honored parents. Her mother died on the home farm, January 4, 1901, at the age of seventy-two years and five months, while the death of Mr. Wombacher occurred January 25, 1904, when he had reached the age of seventy-nine years and ten months. Both were of the Catholic faith and were highly esteemed for their many good traits of heart and mind.

Mr. Wombacher was treasurer of the Dayton Grove school district for twenty-five years. The cause of education found in him a warm and stalwart friend. In fact he was ever interested in those things pertaining to the welfare and progress of the county, cooperating in many measures for the general good. He lived a life of industry and unfaltering diligence and was a man of domestic tastes, finding his greatest happiness in providing for the welfare and interests of his wife and children. Both he and his wife were devoted to the interests of their daughters and received from them the utmost filial love and devotion. Mr. Wombacher rejoiced in his success because

it enabled him to provide liberally for the members of his own household. As the years passed he prospered, employing many men in developing his farms, and in the course of time he became a wealthy agriculturist, but the most envious could not grudge him his success, so honestly was it won and so worthily used.

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### GEORGE W. REED.

George W. Reed, who is successfully and energetically carrying on agricultural pursuits on his fine farm of two hundred acres on section 22, Jackson township, was born in Peoria county, Illinois, December 12, 1866. His parents are M. P. and Jane A. (Whittaker) Reed, the former born in Peoria, Illinois, June 19, 1840, while the latter's birth occurred in Ireland, July 14, 1842. The paternal grandfather of our subject was a native of Pennsylvania. M. P. Reed, the father of George W. Reed, faithfully served as a soldier of the Union army during the Civil war. Both he and his wife are now living retired in Peoria, Illinois. Their family numbered eleven children, namely: George W., of this review; Susan A., who was born July 11, 1868, and is now the wife of George A. Purcell, of McLean county, Illinois; Louise, born August 6, 1870, who is the wife of C. P. Dunning, of Dundee, Illinois; Nettie J., born December 18, 1871, who is now the wife of Henry A. Blunda, of Peoria county, Illinois; Lottie B., born September 26, 1873, who is the wife of Harry P. Davis, of Stark county, Illinois; Ella O., whose birth occurred June 16, 1875, and who is the wife of Gilbert D. Allewelt, of Peoria county, Illinois; an infant, who was born April 1, 1877, and died on the 28th of August, 1877; Henry A., whose natal day was July 13, 1878, and who is now a resident of Peoria county; Clara E., born November 18, 1881, who is the wife of A. B. Day and is now residing in Texas; Stella M., born May 9, 1884, who passed away January 22, 1885; and Margaret, who was born June 26, 1886, and is still at home.

George W. Reed obtained his education in the common schools and remained at home with his parents until he had attained his majority, when he rented a farm in Peoria county, Illinois, being successfully engaged in its cultivation for six years. At the end of that time he came to Washington county, Iowa, in 1896, purchasing the farm of two hundred acres on section 22, Jackson township, where he has since resided, having brought the place under a high state of improvement. In addition to cultivating the cereals best adapted to soil and climate he makes a specialty of raising horses and in both branches of his business is meeting with a gratifying and commendable measure of prosperity, being widely recognized as one of the substantial, progressive and representative citizens of the community.

On the 13th of February, 1890, Mr. Reed was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary M. Moore, whose birth occurred in Peoria county, Illinois, September 23, 1870, her parents being Jacob H. and Martha A. (Reed) Moore, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Wheeling, West Virginia. Mr.

and Mrs. Moore took up their abode in Peoria county, Illinois, and are still living there, having attained the ages of sixty-three and sixty years respectively. They became the parents of five children, as follows: John D., who was born September 5, 1868, and is now a resident of Mount Pleasant, Iowa; Mrs. Reed; Angus A., born October 21, 1872, who is at home; Frank W., whose birth occurred November 4, 1874, and who died in August, 1875; and Newell D., who was born May 18, 1885, and is a resident of Peoria county. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Reed have been born four children: Spencer B., whose natal day was June 28, 1891; Walter A., whose birth occurred December 14, 1893; Edith M., born October 14, 1896; and Morrow P., who first opened his eyes to the light of day on the 10th of July, 1899.

Politically Mr. Reed is a stalwart republican and is now serving as a member of the school board, which position he has held for nine years. Fraternally he is connected with lodge No. 26, A. F. & A. M., at Washington; chapter No. 13, R. A. M., and likewise belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America at Washington and the Royal Neighbors. His wife is a devoted and faithful member of the Presbyterian church, and they are both people of the highest respectability, whose good qualities of heart and mind have won for them the confidence and friendly regard of all who know them.

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#### HENRY FRED SCHMELZER.

Since March, 1893, Henry Fred Schmelzer has occupied the farm on which he now resides in Lime Creek township, Washington county. He was born in Muscatine, Iowa, September 10, 1863, and is a son of Heinrich Carl and Elizabeth (Dering) Schmelzer, both of whom were natives of Germany. They came to America in early life, became acquainted in this country and were married. About 1848 they sought a home in Iowa, making their way direct to Muscatine county, where they cast in their lot with its early settlers. At that time steamboats furnished the only means of public transportation for no railroads had been built in this part of the state. There were still many evidences of frontier life to be seen here, much of the land being still in possession of the government while only here and there had a settlement been made to show that the work of civilization and improvement had been begun. Heinrich Carl Schmelzer, who was born in March, 1830, was a wagon maker by trade and followed that pursuit during his residence in Muscatine. He died on the 2d of March, 1898, while his wife, who was born in 1839, passed away on the 12th of January, 1902. She was a daughter of John Dering, who served as a soldier in an Iowa regiment in the Civil war. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Schmelzer were the following children: Anna, who married Henry Heinz, and is living in Muscatine with their two children, Carl and Harry; Lizzie, who became the wife of C. G. Bates, of Muscatine and died on the 30th of July, 1896, at the age of thirty-five years; Henry Fred, whose name introduces this review; William, who resides in Muscatine with his wife and two children, George and



Clara; and Charles, of Muscatine, who married Ella Miller, and has two children, Vada and Gertrude.

At the age of twenty-one years Henry F. Schmelzer left home and has since been dependent upon his own resources. He is, therefore, a self-made man, owing whatever success he has achieved or enjoyed to his persistent, earnest and well directed labor. He first went to northwestern Nebraska, where he took up a government claim near Box Butte. There he remained for three years, cultivating his claim, after which he returned to his old home in Muscatine. A year later he went to Washington territory, where he remained for about three years working in the logging camps. On the expiration of that period he came to Iowa and settled in Washington county on the farm which he now occupies. He first rented the place in March, 1893, and when his industry and careful expenditure had brought him sufficient capital he purchased the property, paying twenty-five dollars per acre for it in 1898. He has since made many improvements thereon and it is now one of the finest farms of the locality, lacking in none of the equipments and accessories of a model farm of the twentieth century.

On the 15th of March, 1893, Mr. Schmelzer was married to Miss Tillie Eckhardt, a daughter of Henry and Catherine (Semler) Eckhardt, who were natives of Germany. They came to America early in life accompanied by an aunt and were for a time residents of Ohio. Two years after their arrival in the new world they were married and subsequently removed to Indiana, while later they established their home in Muscatine county, Iowa. Three children have been born unto Mr. and Mrs. Schmelzer: Beulah Catherine, who was born December 13, 1894; Joe William, born February 17, 1896; and Lee Henry, born April 1, 1899. The parents are widely known in this part of the state and occupy an enviable position in social circles. Mr. Schmelzer is an exemplary member of the Masonic fraternity and also belongs to Wellman lodge, M. W. A. He frequently votes the democratic ticket, but is somewhat independent in politics for he does not regard himself bound by party ties and casts his ballot as his judgment dictates. He has won creditable success in life and is now numbered among the prosperous farmers of his county, his advancement in a financial way being all due to his industry and well directed efforts. He has always lived in the middle west and displays the spirit of undaunted enterprise and advancement which is characteristic of the Mississippi valley country.

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#### FRANK STEWART.

Frank Stewart, who has been connected with manufacturing lines since 1900, is now president of the American Pearl Button Company, in which connection he is developing one of the important productive industries of Washington. Constantly watchful of opportunities, he is extending his business along well defined lines of trade and the success which he is now enjoying is well merited. He is one of Washington's native sons and a repre-

sentative of one of the oldest families of this part of the state. He comes of Virginia ancestry in the paternal line, his grandfather being John Stewart, a native of the Old Dominion, where he followed agricultural pursuits until his life's labors were ended in death.

William G. Stewart, the father, was born in Virginia, was reared to farm life and took up that pursuit as a means of providing for his own support after he attained his majority. A mental review of the natural resources of the country and the opportunities afforded in different sections led him to the belief that he would have better advantages in Iowa than elsewhere and, coming to this county, he purchased land in Washington township. With characteristic energy he began the development of a farm and in course of time placed three hundred acres of land under a high state of improvement. The fields were richly cultivated and in due course of time brought forth abundant harvests. He married Hannah Patterson, a native of Maryland and the daughter of Charles Patterson, who was born in Scotland and on crossing the Atlantic took up his abode in Maryland. On arriving in Iowa during the pioneer epoch of the history of this state he lived for a time in Burlington, after which he removed to Washington and subsequently to Keokuk county. There he died when nearly ninety years of age. His family numbered a son and two daughters: John; Jane, the wife of William Thomas; and Hannah, who became Mrs. Stewart. Mrs. Patterson long survived her husband. William G. Stewart died on the home farm in Washington township in 1864 at the age of forty-four years. Four decades had passed ere his wife passed away, her death occurring in 1905. In early life she was a member of the Methodist church and later she and her husband became members of the United Brethren church. Their good qualities of heart and mind drew to them the friendly regard of all with whom they were associated and they are yet remembered among the valued pioneer residents of this part of the state. Their family included six sons and two daughters: John G.; Charles N.; William S.; Lovina E., the wife of Fred Giesler, of Muscatine, Iowa; Frank; Lloyd, deceased; Hannah M., the wife of J. A. Guest, of Washington; and George W.

Frank Stewart was reared in Washington county on the old home farm until he had attained his majority. He early became familiar with the work of the fields and aided more and more largely in the cultivation thereof as his years and strength increased. He was a pupil in the district schools and also in the Washington select school conducted by Professor Wilson, while later he pursued a course in a commercial college at Muscatine, Iowa. He then went into business in that city as a dealer in hats and men's furnishing goods, in which line he continued for eight or nine years, after which he returned to Washington and joined his brother George W. in the conduct of a hardware and implement business which they carried on for twelve or thirteen years. In 1896, however, Mr. Stewart sold his interest to his brother and about 1900 entered the manufacturing lines, making wagon boxes and shoveling boards. He is still the treasurer of the Washington Manufacturing Company which turns out those products. In 1902 he extended his efforts into other fields, establishing a button manufacturing business at Muscatine,

at the same time maintaining his wagon box manufacturing plant in Washington. In 1908 he established the headquarters of his button manufacturing plant in Washington and moved his principal works here. Eighty to one hundred operators are employed in the home factory. They sell their goods to jobbers and manufacturers and the enterprise is today one of the most important productive concerns of the city, its trade constantly increasing because of the excellence of the output and the reliability of the house.

For fifteen years Mr. Stewart has been vice president of the Citizens Savings Bank of Washington; is a stockholder of the Wayland Savings Bank of Wayland, Iowa; and a member of the firm of Giesler & Company, manufacturers of wagon hardware at Muscatine.

In October, 1877, Mr. Stewart was married in Muscatine, Iowa, to Miss Nettie Washburne, a native of that city and the daughter of David and Anna (Holmes) Washburne, who were natives of New York. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart now have a daughter, Marian V. Mrs. Stewart is a member of the Presbyterian church and presides with gracious hospitality over their pleasant home.

Mr. Stewart belongs to the Knights of Pythias fraternity and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. His fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have frequently called him to office and he has been most loyal to the trust reposed in him. He was a member of the city council for several years and takes a most active interest in matters of public progress. For about six years he served as a member of the school board and the cause of education finds in him a stalwart champion. He is justly accounted one of the representative business men of this part of the state, recognizing and improving his opportunities and carefully executing well defined and carefully formulated plans. In the legitimate lines of commerce he has won his success and has reached a creditable position in commercial and manufacturing circles.

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#### MARTIN ESSLEY.

The state of Iowa has afforded large opportunities along agricultural lines to thousands who have devoted their energies to tilling the soil, from which they have derived such harvests as have placed them in comfortable circumstances, and among those who are prospering in the pursuit of farming is Martin Essley, who owns and cultivates a large and excellent tract of land in Washington township, Washington county. His birth occurred in Marion township, this county, October 15, 1853, and his parents were John and Jane (Mickey) Essley. His father was twice married, his first wife bearing him four children, all of whom are deceased. The elder Mr. Essley was one of the early settlers of this county, where he pursued general agriculture until he departed this life. His wife, who was a native of Pennsylvania but was married in this county, still survives. After the death of her first husband she wedded Alamander Harmon, by whom she had three

children: Ida, who resides here; Henry, a retired agriculturist of Cedar Falls; and Ada, who lives with her mother. To Mr. and Mrs. Essley were born: Oliver, who engages in farming in Adams county, this state; Sarah, wife of Collin Nickley, a retired agriculturist; Martin; and Samantha Ellen, **a resident of this county.**

In the common schools of Marion township Martin Essley acquired his education, remaining at home until he was twelve years of age, at which period of life he sought employment on neighboring farms, following husbandry as a wage earner until he was twenty-two. He was then married and settled on a farm in Cedar township. With the exception of twelve years spent in Johnson county, this state, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits from 1889 until 1901, he has resided in this county, following general farming and stock-raising. He owns one hundred and forty-four acres of excellent land, for which he paid one hundred and forty-five dollars an acre, and the improvements which he has put upon his property and the attention which he has given the soil has made his farm one of the most productive of this region.

In 1875 Mr. Essley wedded Miss Emma Rose, a native of Ohio, by whom he has had four children: Stella, wife of Lester Rank, an agriculturist of Oklahoma; Ray, a resident of Dallas City, Illinois; Esther, who lives with her parents; and Oliver.

Politically, Mr. Essley supports the republican party, firmly believing in the fundamental character of the policies it advocates, and he has always been loyal to its candidates, during campaigns doing all he can to secure their election. He is a zealous church worker in the Methodist Episcopal denomination, of which his wife is also an adherent, and his excellent qualities of character, together with his industry and enterprise, merit him high standing in the community as a worthy and substantial citizen

### SAMUEL J. COCKLIN.

In this age of vast business enterprises and of intense activity, it is a notable fact that the young men are rapidly forging to the front and controlling the trade interests of the country. As secretary of the George H. Paul Company, Samuel J. Cocklin occupies a prominent position in business circles. This company is today controlling extensive land interests and proving a most important factor in the colonization and upbuilding of various sections of the southwest. Of marked energy and keen insight, Mr. Cocklin is capably managing the affairs of the company which come in his special department and is thereby contributing to its success.

He is one of the native sons of Washington county, his birth having occurred in Marion township, April 16, 1874. His grandfather, Samuel Cocklin, was a native of Pennsylvania, devoting his life to auctioneering and farming. He came to Washington county in 1854, and here secured a good tract of land, which he brought under a high state of cultivation. In addition he





*Samuel J. Cocklin.*

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also cried many sales, being the first and only auctioneer here at the time. His first wife died very suddenly when in middle life. They had reared a large family, including: Jacob; David E.; Levi; Kate, the wife of Robert McCalman; A. L.; Nannie, the wife of Robert Taylor; John S.; and Samuel, who died in his youth. After losing his first wife Samuel Cocklin married her sister, but there were no children of that union.

David E. Cocklin, the father of our subject, was born in Ohio and came with his parents to Iowa in his boyhood days. Here he assisted in the development of a new farm, giving his attention to general agricultural pursuits until after the outbreak of the Civil war, when he responded to the country's call, enlisting as a member of Company I, Thirteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, with which he served for four years. He entered the army as a private, but his valor and meritorious conduct won him successive promotion until he became captain of his company. He participated in the battles of Shiloh, Vicksburg, Corinth, Atlanta and Sherman's march to the sea, being in every battle and skirmish in which his regiment took part. He never faltered in the performance of any military duty and his own courage and loyalty often inspired his men to deeds of valor. When the war was over he returned to Washington county and was here married, the lady of his choice being Miss Hester A. Powell, who was also born in the Buckeye state and was a daughter of Joseph Powell, who came to Iowa from Ohio, in 1847, casting in his lot with the pioneer residents of Washington county. He settled in Marion township, where he purchased and improved a large tract of land and dealt largely in stock. Both he and his wife, Mrs. Martha Powell, lived to old age. They reared a large family, but all have passed away with the exception of Mrs. Cocklin. Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Cocklin took up their abode on a farm in Marion township. There he made his home until a few years ago, when he removed to Washington, where he and his wife now reside with their son. They are members of the Methodist church and prominent in the community. Mr. Cocklin has held various township offices, the duties of which he discharged with promptness and fidelity. In early life he engaged in teaching in the public schools and also taught singing school, but made farming his principal occupation after attaining his majority. Unto him and his wife have been born three children: Wilber Howard, who died at the age of three years; Charles, who passed away at the age of eighteen; and Samuel J., of this review.

Samuel J. Cocklin was reared on his father's farm in Marion township and after attending the district schools prepared for the onerous duties that come in the business world by a course of study in Elliott's Business College at Burlington. Later he engaged in teaching for a few years, and when twenty-six years of age was elected to the office of county recorder, in which he capably served for four years, giving a businesslike administration. Retiring from that office, he conducted an abstract business under the name of the Pollard Abstract Company, which was an incorporated concern. After a short time, however, he severed his connections therewith and became cashier of the Ainsworth Savings Bank and later again became associated with the Pollard Abstract Company. About a year later, however, he took his present

position as secretary of the George H. Paul Company, one of the largest land companies operating in the United States.

On the 8th of January, 1896, Mr. Cocklin was married to Miss Adda May Adams, a daughter of Joseph and Maggie (Gordon) Adams, a popular young lady and accomplished musician. Mrs. Cocklin's father died in her infancy, and her mother was later united in marriage with T. W. Rickey, of Crawfordsville, Iowa, at which place they now reside. Mr. Rickey is a large landowner and a successful business man, public-spirited and enterprising.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Cocklin are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he is serving as steward and she as pipe-organist. He belongs to Orion Lodge, K. P., and to other lodges and organizations. He is recognized as a young man of enterprise, carrying forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes and manifesting an initiative and progressive spirit in all that he does.

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#### P. J. BOOTH.

On a farm of eighty acres on section 23, Cedar township, resides P. J. Booth, whose capable management in agricultural interests is widely recognized. He was born in the state of New York on the 30th of January, 1839, his parents being Joseph and Abigail (Holdridge) Booth, who were also natives of the Empire state. The year 1870 witnessed their arrival in Washington county, Iowa, where they continued to reside until called to their final rest, the father passing away September 24, 1888, while the mother's death occurred January 30, 1901. Unto this worthy couple were born seven children, namely: P. J., of this review; Alonzo, who is a resident of New York; M. E., deceased; Alford J., of this county; Roy E., who has also passed away; Lydia A., the wife of J. W. Baker, of Washington, Iowa; and Joseph E., who likewise makes his home in this county.

P. J. Booth obtained a good practical education in the common schools and when but fourteen years of age started out in life for himself as a clerk in a general store, being employed in that way for seven years. On the expiration of that period he established himself in business as a grocery merchant, continuing in that line of activity for nine years, and at the same time also conducted a lumberyard. Disposing of his interests, he came to Washington county, Iowa, in 1867 and for a short time was engaged in the grocery business in the city of Washington. After once more disposing of his mercantile interests he followed farming as a renter for six years, at the end of which time he purchased the farm of eighty acres on section 23, Cedar township, where he has since resided. In addition to cultivating various cereals he has also won success as a feeder of stock, buying and shipping stock of all kinds. In all of his undertakings he has displayed sound judgment and keen discrimination and at the same time has ever been straight-



forward and honorable, basing his business principles and actions upon the rules which govern strict and unswerving integrity.

On the 4th of July, 1865, Mr. Booth was united in marriage to Miss Nancy J. McKee, whose birth occurred in Pennsylvania, June 22, 1843, her parents being Andrew and Rose Ann (Weir) McKee, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of Pennsylvania. Andrew McKee came to Washington county, Iowa, in 1857. He and his wife, who reared a family of four children, are both now deceased. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Booth have been born eight children, as follows: Ellen, born in the Keystone state in 1866, who is at home; O. D., born in October, 1868, who is a resident of this county; J. A., who was born in 1870 and is living in Washington county; W. D., born in 1872, who is likewise a resident of this county; Bertha, who was born in 1876 and passed away November 15, 1892; Eva N., born in 1879, who is now the wife of O. B. Mouser, of this county; Maizie, whose birth occurred February 17, 1882, and who died on the 12th of June of the same year; and Lila A., born March 29, 1883, whose demise occurred August 30, 1885.

By his ballot Mr. Booth supports the men and measures of the democracy and has acted as assessor and school director for thirty-five years, the cause of education ever finding in him a stalwart champion. Both he and his wife belong to the United Presbyterian church and are held in high regard and esteem throughout the county in which they have so long made their home. He is one of the venerable citizens of the county and receives the respect and good will which should ever be accorded to one who has advanced thus far on life's journey and whose career has at all times been upright and honorable.

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### ARTHUR THERION.

Arthur Therion is one of the younger representatives of farming interests in Washington county, being the owner of one hundred acres of well improved land in Marion township. He was born in Washington, Iowa, March 3, 1871, and is the only child of John and Theresa (Heiniman) Therion, both of whom were natives of France, the latter born in Alsace. The father emigrated to the United States about 1860 and soon after his arrival in the new world took up his abode in Washington, Iowa, where he remained until his death, which occurred in 1874. He was a wagonmaker by trade and conducted business along this line in Washington. The mother, who emigrated to this country in her girlhood, was married in this county to Mr. Therion. She still survives and now makes her home with her son Arthur.

Arthur Therion was reared under the parental roof and acquired his education in the common schools. With the exception of three years spent in Kansas City and Chicago, he has always lived in Washington county, where he is now operating a farm of one hundred acres, which he owns. This tract is located on section 5, Marion township, and is devoted to general farming. He has made many improvements on the place since taking

possession and now has a comfortable residence and substantial outbuildings which furnish shelter for grain and stock. In addition to his farming interests, Mr. Therion has operated a threshing machine for the past nine years and in this connection has become well known in various sections of the county.

Mr. Therion chose as a companion for the journey of life Miss Mollie Putman, whom he wedded in 1899, and this union has been blessed with two daughters and a son, but the eldest, Bertha, is now deceased, the other members being John and Mildred, both under the parental roof.

Mr. Therion supports the men and measures of the democratic party and served as assessor of Marion township eight years. He is identified with the Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen at Washington. Gradually advancing year by year, Mr. Therion has gained a place among the substantial farmers of his section of the county, and, having spent almost his entire life here, he has become widely and favorably known, meriting the esteem in which he is universally held.

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#### WILBER L. MILLER.

Wilber L. Miller, formerly engaged in the furniture and undertaking business and now devoting his energies entirely to the latter line in Washington, was born in this city April 5, 1868. His parents, Charles S. and Eliza A. (Worthen) Miller, are numbered among the early residents of Iowa, having first come to the city in 1854 while in 1858 they took up their permanent abode in Washington. The Millers are of an old New England family. The great-grandfather, Jacob Miller, was born in 1760 and removed from Chesterfield, New Hampshire, to Northfield, Massachusetts. He served his country as a soldier in the Revolutionary war, valiantly aiding in the struggle for independence and again was a soldier in the war of 1812. He married Phebe Grover. The paternal grandfather, Cyrus Miller, was a native of Massachusetts, born on the 22d of October, 1794, and his life record covered the intervening years until the 8th of April, 1882, when he was called to his final rest. He served his country as a soldier in the war of 1812, manifesting the spirit of loyalty for which the family has always been noted. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Eliza M. Leach, was also a native of the old Bay state.

Charles S. Miller, father of Wilber L. Miller, was born in Northfield, Massachusetts, April 12, 1830, and having arrived at years of maturity was married at Enfield, Connecticut, on the 23d of September, 1849, to Miss Eliza A. Worthen, who was born October 17, 1830, at Chicopee Falls, Massachusetts, and was a daughter of Jacob and Eliza (Wason) Worthen. Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Miller came to Iowa in 1854 and entered land near Keota. Two years later, however, they removed to St. Louis and Mr. Miller secured employment in the car shops at St. Charles, having previously been engaged in car building in the east. In the spring

of 1858 they arrived in Washington, Iowa, and Mr. Miller entered commercial circles here in the wagon-making business while later he turned his attention to the sale of sewing machines. Gradually he made progress in a financial way and in 1875 embarked in the furniture and undertaking business, which he conducted successfully for twenty-eight years, enjoying not only a large trade but also the confidence and good will of the general public. In fact he was well known and highly esteemed throughout the county, being a man of sterling business integrity and of genuine personal worth. He was outspoken and positive in his convictions yet he believed in giving others the right of their opinions. Honesty was one of his most salient characteristics and moreover he endeavored throughout his entire life to follow the Golden Rule, doing unto others as he would have them do unto him. In politics he was a silver democrat and a strong admirer of William Jennings Bryan. He died July 1, 1903, at the age of seventy-three years, two months and nineteen days, while his wife passed away March 28, 1904, at the age of seventy-three years, five months and eleven days. On the 23d of September, 1899, they celebrated their golden wedding, having completed a half century of happy married life. Mr. Miller was reared a Unitarian and his wife held membership in the Methodist church. They were the parents of five children: Frank, who died at the age of twenty-one years from injuries sustained in a tornado at Burlington, Iowa, in 1873; Theresa, the wife of William Gentzler, of Waterloo, Iowa; G. Edgar, who died in infancy; Fred, living in Webster City, Iowa; and Wilber L., of this review.

The last named has spent his entire life in Washington and in retrospection one can see him in his boyhood days, attending the public schools where he mastered the common branches of English learning. He lived at home throughout the period of his minority and after completing his education worked for his father in the store until the 1st of August, 1889, when he was admitted to a partnership in the furniture and undertaking business. Thus throughout his entire career he has been connected with commercial interests in Washington. On the 1st of January, 1903, however, he sold out but on the 1st of September, 1904, reentered trade circles as proprietor of an undertaking establishment which he still successfully conducts. He has a large share of the public patronage in his line for he carries a fine line of undertaking goods and moreover is known to be thoroughly reliable and trustworthy in all of his dealings.

On the 10th of July, 1895, Mr. Miller was married in Fort Madison, Iowa, to Miss Emma Arnold, a daughter of Emerson and Eliza (Cramner) Arnold. Mrs. Miller was born in Des Moines county, Iowa, near Danville, September 16, 1873. Her maternal grandmother still survives at the age of nearly ninety years. She is Mrs. Sophia Woodmansee, having married again since the death of her first husband, Mr. Cramner. All of the other grandparents of Mrs. Miller have passed away. Her parents, however, now reside in Denmark, Lee county, Iowa. Her father was born in Indiana and her mother in Des Moines county, Iowa, and he was a soldier of the Civil war. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Miller have been born three children: Murrel Arnold, Maude Vaile and Charles Emerson.

Mr. Miller is well known in fraternal circles, holding membership in Washington Lodge, No. 26, A. F. & A. M.; Cyrus Chapter, No. 13, R. A. M.; Bethlehem Commandery, No. 45, K. T. and Kaaba Temple of the Mystic Shrine. In his political views he is an earnest democrat, his study of the questions and issues of the day leading him to the opinion that the principles of the party are best calculated to conserve the public good. He was a member of the city council for two terms and exercised his official prerogatives in support of various movements and measures which he believed would prove beneficial to the community. In fact his cooperation can always be counted upon to further progressive public measures and his labors are an element in the general improvement of city and county. He has a wide acquaintance and his uniform courtesy and genial spirit have made him popular with a large circle of friends.

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#### ROBERT MARSHALL.

Robert Marshall, who is now living retired on his valuable and well improved farm of three hundred and twenty acres on section 14, Jackson township, was formerly for many years identified with the agricultural and live stock interests of Washington county. He was born in County Down, Ireland, February 27, 1832, his parents being John and Mary (Brown) Marshall, who were also natives of the Emerald isle. In 1870 they crossed the Atlantic to the United States and continued to make their home with their son Robert until called to their final rest. Their family numbered nine children, namely: Michael, who is a resident of Ireland; Robert, of this review; William, who lives in Smith county, Kansas; Mary A., who is the wife of James McConnell and also lives in Ireland; and five who are deceased.

Robert Marshall obtained a good practical education in the common schools of his native land and remained under the parental roof until twenty two years of age, when in 1854 he emigrated to the United States, first locating in Philadelphia, where he resided for three months. On the expiration of that period he went to Franklin county, Pennsylvania, where he was married in 1858 and subsequently made his home in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, until 1867. In that year he came to Washington county, Iowa, and for two years was engaged in the operation of a rented farm, after which he took up his abode in the city of Washington and conducted a bakery for five years. At the end of that time he sold out and purchased a farm of eighty acres in Cedar township, which he disposed of after a time and then operated a larger farm as a renter for two years. He then bought the farm where he now resides on section 14, Jackson township, comprising three hundred and twenty acres of rich and productive land. His daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Levi N. Shuman, also live on the place, which is now being conducted by Mr. Shuman, as Mr. Marshall has put aside the active work of the fields in order to enjoy his remaining days in well merited



rest. During the past twenty years, however, he was extensively engaged in feeding and shipping stock and in both his agricultural and live stock interests met with that measure of prosperity which is ever the reward of earnest and untiring effort when directed by sound judgment and keen discrimination.

In 1858 Mr. Marshall was united in marriage to Miss Jane Ferguson, whose birth occurred in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, November 11, 1825, her parents being William and Margaret (McCoy) Ferguson, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of Cumberland county, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson, who reared a family of nine children, both passed away in Baltimore, Maryland. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Marshall were born two children, one of whom died in infancy. The other, Margaret K., whose natal day was September 14, 1861, completed her education in the academy at Washington, Iowa, and is now the wife of Levi N. Shuman, by whom she has three children, as follows: John W., born July 27, 1885, who is now attending medical college at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; Ralph M., born January 4, 1889, who is at home; and Margaret J., born January 6, 1893, who is now attending the high school at Washington, Iowa. Mrs. Marshall passed away October 16, 1898, in the faith of the Reformed Presbyterian church, her remains being interred in Elm Grove cemetery. Mr. Marshall likewise belongs to the Reformed Presbyterian church and is well known and highly esteemed throughout this county, where he has now resided for more than four decades. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to come to America, for in this country he has found the opportunities which he sought and through their utilization has worked his way upward, his life indicating what may be accomplished by determination and well directed energy.

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#### E. W. GODLOVE.

E. W. Godlove, successfully carrying on agricultural pursuits on his well improved and valuable farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Iowa township, was born in that township on the 4th of October, 1867, his parents being Benjamin J. and Eliza (Webster) Godlove, both of whom were natives of Ohio. In childhood days they accompanied their respective parents on the removal to Washington county, Iowa, and after attaining years of maturity were married. They located on a farm in Iowa township, where Benjamin J. Godlove engaged in general agricultural pursuits until about 1900, when he put aside the active work of the fields and has since lived retired in Riverside, being well known and highly esteemed as a most substantial and respected citizen of the community.

E. W. Godlove was reared under the parental roof and supplemented his preliminary education, obtained in the common schools, by a course in the Iowa City Business College, from which institution he was graduated in 1891. Subsequently he served for about six months as a clerk in the

State Bank at Iowa City and then returned home, taking charge of his father's farm. In the year 1899 he purchased the place from his father, who went to live in Riverside. The farm comprises one hundred and sixty acres of rich and productive land and in its cultivation and improvement Mr. Godlove has met with a creditable measure of prosperity, being practical and progressive in the conduct of his agricultural interests.

On the 26th of December, 1895, Mr. Godlove was united in marriage to Miss Laura Brown, of Iowa township, Washington county, by whom he has one child, Marion W., who is at home.

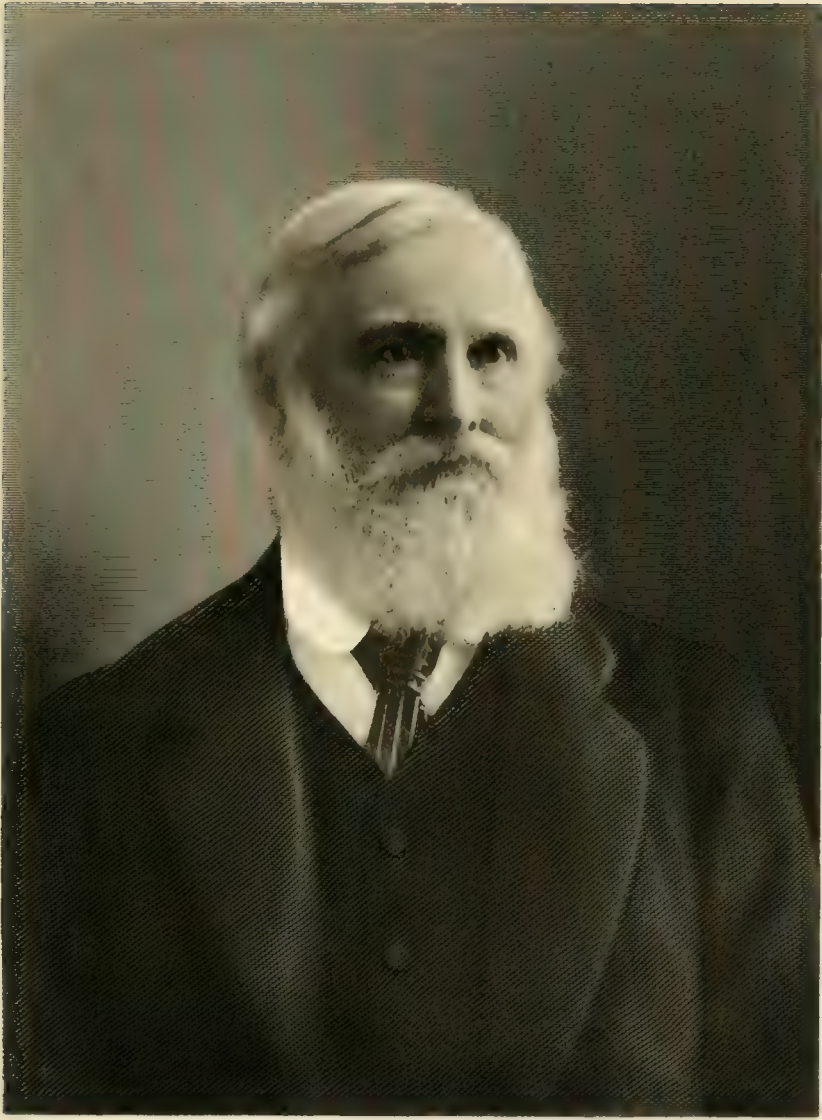
Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Godlove has given his political allegiance to the republican party and has served as a member of the school board for about fourteen years, acting as treasurer of the board at the present time. He is widely and favorably known throughout the county in which he has spent practically his entire life and has gained recognition as a leading and representative citizen.

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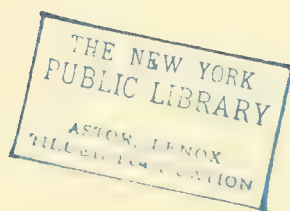
#### WILLIAM W. WELLS.

William W. Wells, a prominent and influential citizen of Washington County, was born in Connecticut, October 26, 1820, and was a son of Curtis and Wealthy (Warner) Wells. His mother died when he was but two or three weeks old and about 1824 his father married Harriet Russell, also a native of Connecticut. There were nine children of that marriage: Curtis, Franklin, Russell, Jared, Donnell, Harriet, Wealthy, Henry and Maria. In the spring of 1839 William W. Wells came alone to Iowa, reaching Mount Pleasant, Henry county, with but nine dollars in his possession. He was a very homesick lad as he looked about him and saw only the faces of strangers and knew that he was separated by many days' travel from old friends. He would have returned home but did not have enough money for the trip and though this seemed a direful condition of affairs at the time it afterward proved fortunate for in this state he found good business opportunities which eventually led him to success. Necessity rendered it imperative that he obtain immediate employment and he began working for Dr. Payne for fifteen dollars per month. He was afterward employed for two years at a hotel as a man of all work and later engaged in blacksmithing and farming in the employ of David Brown near Fairfield, Iowa. Ambitious, however, to engage in business for himself he rented a mill on the south fork of Skunk river and operated it for a year, after which he invested his earnings in horses and cattle. In 1843 he came to Washington county and entered forty acres of land near Paris in Dutch Creek township, where he began to make a home for himself. From this time on prosperity attended his efforts and to his original purchase he added from time to time until he became one of the most extensive land-owners in the state, his possessions aggregating twenty-four hundred and fifty acres.

On the 24th of October, 1844 Mr. Wells wedded Rebecca Jackson, a native of Ohio and a daughter of Samuel Jackson. Unto this marriage were



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born eight children, five of whom lived to mature years: Marie W., the wife of Wesley Smith; Curtis R.; Edgar, who died at the age of nineteen years; William P.; and Inez Adell, the wife of Seymour Martin.

Mr. Wells died on the 14th of August, 1908, when almost eighty-eight years of age and his wife passed away at the early age of thirty-six years. He was for a long period one of the representative citizens, leading farmers and progressive business men of Washington county. In addition to carrying on extensive agricultural interests he became a stockholder in the Washington National Bank at its organization and remained financially interested therein, acting as its president at the time of his death. He was honored and respected not only for what he accomplished, but for the straightforward business methods by which he attained his prosperity. His political allegiance was always given to the democracy.

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### WILLIAM R. HAMILTON.

William R. Hamilton, who is now devoting his energies to stock-raising in Washington township, this county, has met with splendid success in his business ventures and has surrounded himself with that measure of prosperity which makes him worthy of honorable mention as a substantial and worthy citizen of this county. He was born in Menard county, Illinois, March 11, 1849, a son of William and Margaret (Berry) Hamilton. The father was a native of Augusta county, Virginia, and located in Morgan county, Illinois, in 1833, where he purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land for which he paid one dollar and a quarter an acre. He remained upon the farm but a few years when he disposed of his possessions and went to Menard county, Illinois, where he invested in land, which he sold in 1853 owing to the ill health of the family. During that year they started for this state in a wagon, coming by way of Columbus City, where they spent the winter, in the following spring resuming their journey. Upon arriving in Washington county Mr. Hamilton settled upon the farm where the subject of this review resides and here remained, pursuing the occupation of farming until his death in 1881, when he was laid to rest in the old city cemetery. Politically he was a whig and upon the dissolution of that party became a republican and was always loyal to its candidates. His wife, whom he married in Indiana, was also a native of Augusta county, Virginia, and departed this life in 1881, the same year in which occurred the death of her husband and beside whom her remains were laid. She gave birth to five children: John C., who is living in retirement in Pasadena, California; James B., deceased; Mary J., deceased; and Sarah M., who resides with her brother William R., of this review.

The district schools and an academy afforded William R. Hamilton his educational advantages and he remained on the home farm pursuing agriculture until 1883, when he removed to Indianola, Iowa, where he engaged in the general merchandise business for three years. At the expira-

tion of that time he disposed of his interests in the enterprise and returned to the home farm, where he has since devoted his energies to husbandry. His farm consists of one hundred and twenty acres of land located two and one-half miles from the square in Washington and is highly improved, being provided with a modern residence and substantial outbuildings. Everything about the premises being kept in excellent repair, the farm presents a fine appearance and is indicative of the aggressiveness of its owner. General farming commands his attention and he also raises a great deal of stock, particularly cattle and hogs for which he always finds a ready market. His sister Sarah M. acts as his housekeeper and they have always lived together since their parents' death and to her he attributes much of his success, for she has encouraged and aided him in every way.

Mr. Hamilton is a staunch republican, early in life becoming convinced that the principles of the party were wisely framed to promote the commercial, industrial and financial interests of the nation and during his long years of experience under many administrations he has never found cause to change his views. He has never permitted his business affairs to usurp the time and attention which should be given to the performance of his religious obligations and, as a member of the Presbyterian church, he has always been a faithful attendant upon its services. His life being in accord with the faith he holds, his citizenship is of the highest type and he has done much toward the moral and spiritual betterment of the community and, as well toward its financial worth by his untiring energy and enterprise.

#### JOHN D. BYERS.

John D. Byers is numbered among the survivors of the Civil war who are now living in Washington county, and for a long period he has been closely associated with agricultural interests in this part of the state. He was born in Pennsylvania, December 9, 1845, and is a son of Jacob and Martha (Hiney) Byers, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania and died there. In their family were eleven children, but only five are now living: Elizabeth, the wife of A. Sawyer, a resident of Pennsylvania; Barbara, the wife of Ben Warfel, also living in the Keystone state; Martha, the wife of John Minnek, of Washington county, Iowa; Jacob, living in Nebraska; and John D., of this review. The parents passed away many years ago.

John D. Byers spent the days of his childhood and youth in the state of his nativity and pursued his education in the public schools. He was but sixteen years of age when he offered his services to his country in defense of the Union, enlisting as a member of the One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Pennsylvania Infantry, in which he served for nine months. During that time he participated in one hard fought battle. He afterward reenlisted as a member of Company I, Twentieth Pennsylvania Cavalry, and participated in several skirmishes. With that command he continued for six months and later he again offered his services to the government and was as-

signed to duty with Company G, Twenty-first Pennsylvania Cavalry, for three years. He marched with Grant from City Point to Petersburg and was there for some time when he suffered a sun stroke and was taken to the hospital, where he remained for two months. He then returned home on a thirty days' furlough, after which he rejoined his company with which he continued until the close of the war in 1865. He was still but a boy in years when the long and sanguinary struggle was ended, but he was a man in his experiences of the hardships and privations which are meted out to the soldier upon the tenting field.

Returning to his old home in Pennsylvania, Mr. Byers there remained until the spring of 1866, when he came to this county and worked as a farm hand for three years. On the expiration of that period he was united in marriage to Miss Henrietta Bartholomew, who was born September 25, 1852, and was a native of New York. She came to this county at an early day in company with her parents, Jeremiah and Altha (Raney) Bartholomew. Her mother is now deceased, but the father is still living, making his home in Wellman, Iowa, at the age of eighty-six years. He was born in the state of New York and on his removal westward first located in Illinois, while fifty-four years ago he came to Washington county and entered one hundred and sixty acres of land from the government in Cedar township. Later he purchased another tract of one hundred and twenty acres, and improving the same, he lived thereon for a number of years, after which he removed to Richmond, where he resided for a few years. He next took up his abode in Wellman where he now makes his home, being one of the most valued and highly respected citizens and pioneer residents of the county. In his family were five children, namely: Mary, now the widow of C. Durst, a resident of Iowa; Mrs. Byers; Cornelius, deceased; Jane, living in Kansas City, Missouri; and Frederick, of this county.

Following his marriage Mr. Byers rented a farm for two or three years, and when he had saved from his earnings a sufficient capital to enable him to purchase property, he invested in forty acres on the English river, where he lived for five years. He then traded that property for the farm on which he now resides and has lived upon it ever since. His place is located on section 3, Cedar township, and is equipped with all of the conveniences and accessories of the model farm of the twentieth century. It was on the 14th of August, 1870, that Mr. and Mrs. Byers were married and as the years have gone by nine children have been added to their family: Martha L., born March 15, 1872, is the wife of Charles Myers, now of Wilson county, Kansas, who for several years was a school teacher of this county; Vinion, born January 15, 1873, is now in Jefferson county, Iowa; Altha L., born October 15, 1874, is the wife of Michael Burner, of Wellman, Iowa; Orville D., born June 23, 1876, died on the 6th of September of the same year; Clara J., born March 27, 1878, is now living in Wellman with her grandfather; Frederick E., born February 3, 1881, is in this county; John D., born May 25, 1883, is now professor in Chanute College at Chanute, Kansas; Grace F., born August 14, 1885, is the wife of Mead Sigman, of this county; and Bessie Fern, born July 22, 1887, is a dressmaker and still resides at

home. Mrs. Byers is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Byers belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic Post at Wellman and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He served as a school director for several years and the cause of education finds in him a stalwart champion. He is interested in everything pertaining to the welfare of the community and to its progress along material, intellectual, social, moral and political lines. He has lived in this county for forty-three years and is therefore one of its old settlers, having not only witnessed its growth and progress throughout this period but also assisted materially in its upbuilding. He is today as true and loyal to his duties of citizenship as when he followed the old flag upon southern battlefields.

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### E. W. H. ASHBY.

E. W. H. Ashby is an extensive landowner, having seven hundred acres in this county. In all of his business affairs he manifests a spirit of keen discrimination and undaunted enterprise which has led him into important relations with agricultural interests. From time to time he has increased his holdings by judicious investment until today he derives a very substantial and gratifying income from his property.

His birth occurred in West Virginia, December 1, 1834, and he was one of the seven children born unto Jesse and Elizabeth Ashby, who were likewise natives of the same state. They came to Iowa in 1839 when it was still a territory and cast in their lot with the pioneer settlers of Washington county. This region was then largely wild and unimproved, much of its land being still in possession of the government, while over the broad prairies grew the native grasses, giving little indication that the district would soon be transformed into fine farms bringing forth rich crops of marketable products. Both Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Ashby continued residents of this county until called to their final home.

The subject of this review was but four years of age when brought by his parents to Iowa. He started out in life for himself at the age of sixteen years. He had previously shared with the family in all of the hardships, privations and trials incident to frontier life and later he entered upon the arduous task of providing for his own support when he was still but a boy. He commenced dealing in stock and as soon as he had accumulated a little money he purchased a tract of land, becoming owner of eighty acres near the city of Washington. He further completed his arrangements for having a home of his own by his marriage when twenty-six years of age. The lady of his choice was Miss Elizabeth A. Ihrig, who was born in Wayne county, Ohio, August 21, 1840, and was a daughter of Peter and Christina (Billman) Ihrig. Her mother was a native of Pennsylvania, while her father was born in Germany. He came to America in his boyhood days and established his home in Ohio, where he continued to reside until his death. Unto him and his wife were born six children.



Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Ashby began their domestic life upon a farm of eighty acres in Washington township, where they lived until 1861, when he sold that property and invested in a farm on which they are now residing in Lime Creek township. Mr. Ashby now owns seven hundred acres of land in Lime Creek and Cedar townships, constituting a splendidly improved property. As his financial resources increased he kept adding to his holdings until he became one of the extensive landowners of the county, deriving a most gratifying annual income from his farms. He has always made a specialty of raising and feeding stock, handling good grades, so that they bring high prices on the market.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Ashby were born seven children, five of whom are still living: Viola M., the wife of Ezra Gardner, who is mentioned elsewhere in this volume; Jessie J., the wife of Don Brimley, living in Cedar township; Ralph M., who resides in Lime Creek township; Eleanor and Esther, who spent two years at the Iowa State University and are members of the Delta Gamma Society, while Esther was also a member of the Iowa Lane Society. Eleanor is also a professional nurse and for a time was a visiting nurse in Chicago. These two sisters are now at home and are operating the home farm of two hundred and seventy acres, known as the Pilot Grove farm. They conduct business under the firm name of E. & E. Ashby and deserve great credit for the manner in which they are carrying on the business, displaying excellent management and keen discernment in the conduct of their interests. They are now making a specialty of raising and breeding the Red Bacon Tanworth hogs, which are today considered the finest on sale.

Mr. Ashby gives his political support to the republican party but has never desired office. He is now in the seventy-fifth year of his age and largely leaves business cares to others while he is enjoying well earned rest. He has ever been a man of resolute spirit, swift in decision, energetic and persistent in action, quick in perception and stable in purpose. His is the record of a strong individuality and a strenuous life which has gained and merited its own just reward.

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#### DANIEL ARTHAUD, D. O.

There has been no more important discovery concerning health and its restoration in recent years than that brought forth by the osteopathic school—the worth of this discovery being manifest in the large number of its practitioners at the present time and of those who employ their services. With thorough understanding of the scientific principles that underlie this school of healing Dr. Arthaud is now enjoying a gratifying and constantly growing patronage in Washington. He was born in Jefferson county, Iowa, January 6, 1853, and is a son of Emile and Susanna (Ebersol) Arthaud, who were natives of France, the father having been born about seventy-five miles from the city of Paris, while the mother's birth occurred in Alsace.

When a boy Emile Arthaud learned the cutlery trade and in early manhood he crossed the Atlantic to America attracted by the enticing reports which he heard concerning business opportunities and advantages on this side the Atlantic. He first made his way to Canada where he lived for about six years and then established his home in Indiana where he also spent a few years. In the fall of 1852 he arrived in Jefferson county, Iowa, and in the spring of 1853 came to Washington county, which was still a frontier district largely undeveloped. There were yet many evidences of pioneer life here but the county was being settled by a class of substantial and progressive citizens who were bringing all of the wisdom and experience of the east to the promoting and upbuilding of the western states. Mr. Arthaud located in Marion township where he purchased land, clearing and improving a tract of forty acres. He afterward sold that property and went to Henry county, Iowa, his last days being spent about a quarter of a mile south of Olds, where his death occurred in 1888 when he lacked but two weeks of being eighty-one years of age. His wife survived him for about eighteen years and was nearly eighty-three years of age at the time of her demise. They were both consistent members of the Mennonite church and their many good qualities of heart and mind won them the esteem and confidence of all who knew them. In their family were fifteen children, twelve sons and three daughters including the following: Christian, a resident of Taloga, Oklahoma; John B., living in Chillicothe, Missouri; Leo, who is located in Dallas county, Iowa; Lena, the wife of Egbert Van Scoy, of Stewart, Iowa; Enos, of Olds, Iowa; Daniel, of this review; Benjamin, living in O'Brien county, Iowa; Frank L., who is a resident of Chillicothe, Missouri; Mary, the wife of Alof Anderson, of Olds, Iowa; and Joseph, also of Chillicothe, Missouri.

Dr. Arthaud was brought by his parents to this county when but a few months old and lived in Marion township until he reached the age of seven years when the family removed to Henry county, Iowa. There his boyhood and youth were passed on the home farm and he early became familiar with all of the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He attended the district schools and when not busy with his text-books gave his attention to general farming. He remained under the parental roof until he had reached his majority when he made his way westward to Taylor county, Iowa, where he carried on agricultural pursuits on his own account, having one hundred and eighty acres of rich and productive land. In 1896 he retired from active farm life, sold his property and in 1898 took up the study of osteopathy, being graduated from the Kirksville (Mo.) College in January, 1900. He located for practice in Burlington, where he remained for two years and in 1902 came to Washington, where he has remained continuously since, enjoying a constantly growing practice as he demonstrates the worth of his school of healing and his capability in following its methods of practice.

In December, 1881, Daniel Arthaud was married to Miss Mary A. Henry, of Lee county, Iowa, a daughter of Robert and Mary Henry. They are the parents of two children: Bessie E. and Lee K. Mrs. Arthaud is a member

of the Methodist church. She presides with gracious hospitality over her pleasant home and entertainment there is always a source of delight to their many friends. Dr. Arthaud belongs to Orion Lodge, K. P., while in professional lines he is connected with the Southeastern Iowa Osteopathic Association. Politically he is an earnest republican, thoroughly conversant with the questions and issues of the day and has filled some local offices, serving as school director in Taylor county and also as township trustee and assessor. No trust reposed in him has ever been betrayed in the slightest degree and he is most loyal in his official service. He represents one of the old families of this part of the state and has himself been an interested witness of the progress and development of Iowa for more than a half century. He can well remember when much of the land in this district was wild and unimproved and when the homes were widely scattered. He has lived to see a notable transformation and the Arthaud family has not been negligent while the work of general improvement has been carried forward but on the contrary its members have ever borne their full share in promoting the general improvement and upbuilding.

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### J. J. AYERS.

Among the venerable citizens of this county is numbered J. J. Ayers, who has now reached the age of eighty-five years. His has been an honorable and useful life and one which has gained for him the well merited regard and confidence of those with whom he has come in contact. He was born in Baltimore county, Maryland, February 8, 1824, and was the third in order of birth in a family of seven children whose parents were John and Rachel (Dunek) Ayers, both of whom were natives of Maryland, where they resided until 1831, when they left that state and removed to Ohio. After a residence of twenty years there they came to Washington county, Iowa, in 1851, settling in Lime Creek township, where they remained until called to their final rest, both passing away in 1875. In their family were seven children, as follows: Elizabeth and John T., both of whom are deceased; J. J., of this review; Rachel A. and Benjamin, who have also passed away; Ruth, the wife of Reuben Rickey, who is mentioned on another page of this work; and Darcus S., a resident of Oklahoma.

J. J. Ayers spent his youthful days in his father's home, accompanying his parents on their removal to Ohio when a lad of seven years. He also came with them to Iowa fifty-eight years ago and continued to assist his father in the operation of the home farm in Lime Creek township until thirty-four years of age, when he was married and began farming on his own account. He wedded Miss Louisa Baker, who was born in Pickaway county, Ohio, in 1838 and was a daughter of Jacob and Anna (Davis) Baker. The father was born in Delaware and the mother was a native of Maryland. The former died in Ohio in 1860, while the mother passed away in 1868 while visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ayers. In the family of that

worthy couple were nine children: Minerva, Treasie, Catharine, James D., Louisa, Warren, Harriet, Tricilla and one who died in infancy.

Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Ayers began their domestic life on the farm where they now reside, Mr. Ayers owning here a tract of land of eighty acres in Lime Creek township. His time and energies are given to its continuous cultivation and development and his industry and enterprise are manifest in the well improved appearance of the place. He is reliable in all of his business dealings, active and energetic, and his well directed labors have brought him his success.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Ayers has been blessed with three children: Dora, who was born December 23, 1858, and died on the 6th of August, 1881; Perry L., living in English River township; and Eva E., who is the wife of J. C. Rowe. The parents are well known in this part of the county, where they have an extensive circle of warm friends. Mr. Ayers votes with the democracy and is in sympathy with its purposes but does not seek nor desire office. He is not remiss in the duties of citizenship, however, but in a quiet way supports whatever measure or movement he deems will prove of benefit to the community.

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#### EDWARD L. JONES.

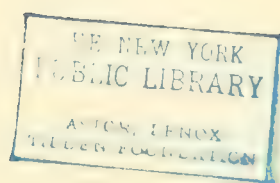
An accident of the past year which brought poignantly home to the people of Wellman the uncertainty of man's life, was that which was the occasion of the death of Edward L. Jones. He and his son were driving a friend to the train, when the team took fright at some stumps by the roadside and started to run at such a speed that the occupants of the carriage were thrown from the vehicle, as it turned a corner. Mr. Jones had three ribs broken, one of them piercing his lungs, and experienced other internal injuries, all of which combined resulted in his death, despite the best medical attention and constant efficient nursing. His last two days were filled with pain and suffering, which he sustained with the courage and fortitude that had distinguished him in his assumption of life's burdens.

Mr. Jones was born in Washington county, September 11, 1855, the son of J. C. and Maria (Carris) Jones. The father was a native of Ohio and the mother of New York, and they came to Washington county, Iowa, after their marriage. This was in 1854, before the days of adequate railway transportation, and the little party, which numbered thirteen, including an adopted son, traversed the distance in a canvas-covered wagon. It was an experience replete with stirring reminiscences, of the kind which have now passed into history. The family were among the pioneers of Washington county and did their share in the development of its resources. The mother, it would seem, has had more than her share of hardships and sorrow, for in the past few years those who were dearest to her have been taken suddenly. Her first trial was in witnessing the death of her eldest son; this was followed, after only a short interval, by the death of Dan Jack, the adopted son pre-





*E. D. Jones*



viously referred to. The death of her husband made an even greater demand upon her faith and fortitude, and now her son's death crowns her measure of sorrow.

Edward L. Jones was the second son in a family of five children, of whom Mrs. Henry Foster and Mrs. T. J. Moon, both of Wellman, alone survive; Frank C., the eldest, having died some years ago, and Mary Georgiana, not living through the period of infancy. Mr. Jones spent all of his life in the neighborhood of his birth-place, where his hard toil and careful management enabled him to secure two good farms, one of four hundred acres in this county and another of two hundred acres in Missouri. During the later years of his life he devoted more and more time to the stock business, and had established a name for himself as the breeder of full blood hogs and cattle.

On the 29th of November, 1877, Mr. Jones was united in marriage to Miss Carrie Darling, who bore him six children: Mrs. Bertha Bower, Springfield, Illinois; Giles, of Wellman; Glyn, of Kalona; Edward Forest, Omer and Lester L., at home. Mrs. Jones died April 8, 1901, and on the 30th of December, 1903, Mr. Jones married Miss Georgiana Folger, of Washington, Iowa. Of this union there have been born three children, Mary Margaret, Frank Folger and Edward L.

Mr. Jones was a man well thought of in the community. In his business dealings he was always found to be honest and upright, a man whose word was as good as his note. To his wife he was ever a kind and loving husband, and to his children, an affectionate father. The large company of friends who on June 24, 1908, accompanied his remains to their last resting-place, was but one token of the love and esteem his noble qualities as a man had won for him in the hearts of those who had opportunity to know him best.

#### D. S. COLE.

D. S. Cole, a photographer of Washington, who has here been engaged in business since 1865, has done much notable work in the line of his profession as representative of different railroad companies and also in connection with military movements in the Philippines. He had but recently attained his majority when he located his studio in Washington, his birth having occurred in Franklin county, Ohio, November 22, 1843. His father, David P. Cole, was born in New Jersey in 1813 and in early life learned and followed the blacksmith's trade. When a young man he removed to Ohio and later became a minister in the Methodist Episcopal church but did not abandon the trade which he had learned. In 1855 he came to Iowa and for many years carried on blacksmithing in Washington. His business activity was interrupted, however, by his service in the Union army in the Civil war. In September, 1861, he offered his services to the government and at the same time his son, D. S. Cole, joined the army. The father, however, was rejected on account of his age. He later enlisted in the Thirty-seventh

Iowa Volunteer Infantry, known as the Graybeard Regiment, serving his full time doing garrison duty at Columbus, Ohio, and at Rock Island, Illinois. He died in the soldiers' home in Marshalltown, Iowa, at the venerable age of eighty-six years. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Martha Wright, was born in New Jersey in 1812 and they were married in Ohio. Her death occurred in Washington when she had reached the age of eighty-seven years. Their family numbered eight children: Emma C., deceased; Owen, Lucy and Benjamin, all of whom died in childhood; Mrs. Sarah J. Beaty, living in Washington, Iowa; D. S.; William K., a resident of Michigan; and C. O., now deceased, who for seventeen years was a machinist on Government Island at Rock Island, Illinois.

D. S. Cole was only twelve years of age when brought to Washington and in the common schools here he continued his education and also assisted his father in the shop, learning blacksmithing when quite young. His taste, however, was along more artistic lines and he took up the study of photography, establishing his studio in Washington in 1865. He has done much notable work in the line of his profession, spending five years in making views for the Northwestern Railway and the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad Company in Montana, Wyoming and the Dakotas. In 1903 he was appointed by Secretary Root as official photographer for the Thirteenth Cavalry and spent a year and a half in the Philippines. He is an expert in his chosen line, thoroughly conversant with the most modern processes of the art and with clear understanding of the value of light, shade, form and color. He has in his possession many interesting views of the places he has visited and his mind is stored with pleasing, amusing and instructive recollections of his trips.

There is another chapter in the life history of Mr. Cole that is worthy of more than passing notice. In September, 1861, when he was yet a youth of seventeen years, he offered his services to the government, enlisting as a member of Company K, Thirteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He was with that regiment in all of the engagements up to and including the battle of Atlanta, in which he was captured on the 22d of July, 1864. He was then sent to Andersonville prison, where he remained until April 28, 1865, when he was released fourteen days after the assassination of President Lincoln.

Mr. Cole was mustered out at Davenport, Iowa, and then returned to Washington, where he has since made his home. On the 2d of November, 1867, he wedded Miss M. C. Auld, who was born in Brighton, this county, in 1848 and is a daughter of J. H. and Hannah Auld, who settled in Washington county in the early '40s. The death of Mrs. Cole occurred December 27, 1882. Three children had been born of that marriage: Henry, who died in infancy; Ivy I., the wife of F. V. Boyce, of St. Louis; and M. C., a photographer of Alliance, Nebraska.

Mr. Cole cast his first presidential ballot for Abraham Lincoln and has never wavered in his allegiance to the republican party since that time, for he regards its policy as most conducive to bring about needed reform and improvement and to secure the passage of necessary regulative and constructive legislation. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons and with



the Grand Army Post at Columbus Junction, Iowa, and finds pleasure in the camp fires of that organization. His chosen life work has been one of intense interest to him, appealing strongly as it does to the artistic side of his nature, at the same time giving opportunity for the attainment of that success which follows as a logical sequence of laudable ambition and persistent effort.

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### N. L. DORRANCE.

N. L. Dorrance has spent almost his entire life in this county where he arrived in 1854. Great changes have since occurred and his memory forms a connecting link between the primitive past and the progressive present. At the time of his arrival much of the country was wild prairie district covered with the native grasses, amid which bloomed thousands of wild flowers in the spring and summer months while in the winter seasons the district was covered with one unbroken expanse of snow. The labors of man have wrought a wonderful change, even seeming to have an influence on climatic conditions. Mr. Dorrance relates many interesting incidents of the early days, and as the years have passed he has borne his full share in the arduous labor that has wrought the transformation.

A native of Ohio, his birth occurred in Huron county on the 25th of September, 1837, his parents being William and Naomi (Robinson) Dorrance, the former a native of Vermont while the latter was born in the state of New York. They were numbered among the early residents of Ohio, the father there purchasing a tract of timber land whereon he at once began the work of development and improvement. In order to shelter the family a little log cabin was built and then the arduous task of clearing away the trees was begun. As acre after acre was cleared it was put under the plow and in due course of time substantial harvests were garnered. Mr. Dorrance there lived and labored until 1854, when he started for the great district west of the Mississippi river. In June he arrived in Washington county, Iowa, where he purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land in Line Creek township. On the tract was a little log cabin sixteen by sixteen feet, in which the family lived for some time but later the energy and enterprise of the family enabled them to supplant the frontier dwelling by a more commodious and substantial residence. The father, however, did not long enjoy his new home for he died the fall following his arrival in Iowa. His wife long survived him and passed away in 1896 at the ripe old age of eighty-eight years. She was a most worthy woman whose many good qualities endeared her to those with whom she came in contact. In the family were seven children, but only two are now living: N. L. and Tamer, now the wife of Thomas P. McReynolds.

N. L. Dorrance was but a youth of sixteen years when the family bade adieu to their Ohio home and started for Iowa, settling on the farm which is now his place of residence. He at once became an active factor in the development and improvement of the farm. Owing to the death of the

father the task of making this a productive property devolved upon the children, and N. L. Dorrance was foremost in the work. He remained at home until 1850 when he removed to Madison county, Iowa, where he remained for two years, and then returned to Washington county, where he has since continued.

As a companion and helpmate for the journey of life Mr. Dorrance chose Miss Chloe Dodge, whom he wedded on the 22d of December, 1870. She was a native of Stephenson county, Illinois, born on the 23d of September, 1853, and was a daughter of Edward and Mary E. (Wilson) Dodge, who were natives of Virginia. In their family were ten children. The parents both lived to reach an advanced age, the father passing away in 1902 while the mother's death occurred on the 20th of March, 1909. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Dorrance was blessed with five children. Dora Ann, who was born October 4, 1872, became the wife of Charles F. Mayer, of this county, and died June 6, 1906, leaving a husband and one son, Paul F., to mourn her loss. William H. is now a resident of Keokuk county, Iowa. Nellie E. is at home. Ralph G. is a resident of Missouri and Sylvia N. is now a student in the high school at Wellman.

Mr. Dorrance received only a common-school education but has given his children good opportunities in that direction. He has reared his family on the old homestead farm which comprises ninety-two acres of rich and arable land in Lime Creek township. Here he carefully tilled the fields year after year, working earnestly for the success which has come to him. He has never taken advantage of the necessities of another in a business transaction, but has sought his prosperity in the legitimate lines of labor. Both he and his wife attend the United Brethren church and in politics he is a republican with firm belief in the principles of the party. He served as constable for six years and has been a member of the school board but does not seek nor desire political preference although always interested in everything pertaining to general progress. While he has now passed the age of seventy-one years he still gives active supervision to his farm in a community where for more than half a century he has been numbered among its agriculturists, placing his dependence in the attainment of success upon the substantial qualities of energy, endurance and determination.

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#### HARRY DYE.

Harry Dye, devoting his time and energies to agricultural pursuits, owns a tract of land of one hundred and fifty-eight acres in Highland township, which is generally conceded to be one of the best improved and most productive farms in the entire county. He was born in Morgan county, Ohio, on the 5th of October, 1875, a son of Joseph and Nancy (McFarland) Dye, who are natives of Muskingum county and Morgan county, Ohio, respectively. The great-grandfather on the paternal side was a soldier in the Revolutionary war and participated in the battle of Monmouth under Wash-

ington. The marriage of Joseph Dye and Nancy McFarland was celebrated in Ohio and they continued to re-side in Morgan county until 1882, when they journeyed westward, locating in Oregon township, Washington county, Iowa. Here they have since made their home, being well known and highly esteemed residents of the community.

Harry Dye was reared under the parental roof and after completing the course of study in the common schools he entered the Ainsworth high school, from which institution he was graduated in 1896. After returning home he gave his father the benefit of his services in the work of the fields, being thus actively engaged until 1902, when he left the farm to attend the Pan American Exposition. While on this trip he was united in marriage to Miss Carrie Elizabeth Parmiter, of McConnelsville, Morgan county, Ohio, to whom he had plighted his troth sometime previously. On returning to this county he made his home on his aunt's farm for a year and then spent two years on the farm of his father. The death of his aunt, Mrs. Eleanor Boden, occurred about that time and her property reverted to the Dye family, our subject receiving an eighty-acre tract of land, together with bank stock, etc. Mrs. Boden was a sister of the mother of Harry Dye and the widow of Nathaniel Boden, who came to Washington county in 1856. Mr. Dye sold the eighty-acre farm which he had inherited and in 1905 bought his present place of one hundred and fifty-eight acres in Highland township, to the cultivation and improvement of which he has since given his attention. He is thoroughly familiar with the best methods of farming and in his agricultural interests has won a measure of success that entitles him to recognition among the leading and prosperous citizens of the county.

Politically Mr. Dye gives unfaltering allegiance to the democracy and is at present serving as a member of the board of township trustees. Both he and his wife are devoted and faithful members of the Bethel Presbyterian church, in which he is acting as an elder. In all life's relations, whether in public office, in business or in social circles he has gained the good will and regard of those with whom he has been associated and his friends speak of him in terms of high praise and kindly esteem.

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### GEORGE WHETSTINE.

George Whetstine has been aptly termed a man of purpose and the story of his life is a story of honesty, industry and thrift. He is numbered among this county's native sons and the day of his birth was March 18, 1857. His parents were John and Mary J. (Norman) Whetstine, natives of Indiana and of Tennessee respectively. The father came to this county in 1852 when it was still a pioneer district and from the government entered land in Lime Creek township, whereon he built a log cabin, covering the same with clap-board roof. The little dwelling had a puncheon floor and a door on which was fastened the old-fashioned wooden latch with a string which hung out in the daytime and was drawn in at night so that the door could not be opened

from the outside. For a few years that pioneer home remained the abode of the family. The efforts required to live in those ungenerous surroundings, the necessity of making every blow tell and to exercise every inventive faculty developed powers of mind and habit which have established honored names on the Iowa prairies. The Whetstine family have borne their full part in the work of general progress and improvement here and the father continued his residence in Lime Creek township until called to his final rest, on the 24th of March, 1905. His widow still survives and yet lives in this county at the age of seventy-three years. In their family were eleven children: Henry, a resident of Kansas; George, of this review; Robert, now in Idaho; Joseph, deceased; Ida, the wife of Jack Goodwin, of this county; William, also a resident of Idaho; Newton and Melvin, who make their home in this county; and the three youngest, who have passed away.

George Whetstine during the period of his youth spent upon his father's farm, attended the common schools in order to acquire an education and by his father was trained in the work of the fields, his experiences in that direction being by no means meager. The practical knowledge of farm work which he gained has since proven of immense value to him and well qualified him for carrying on the work of the farm when he started out in life on his own account. On attaining his majority he and his father leased a tract of timber land from T. J. Allen and cleared it, receiving as a compensation the use of the land rent free for three years. At the end of that time George Whetstine rented another farm which he cultivated for two years, and carefully saving his earnings in the meantime he was then able to purchase forty acres of the farm upon which he now resides. As his financial resources have increased he has added to the property from time to time, extending the boundaries of his farm until it now comprises one hundred and twenty acres on section 36, Lime Creek township. All of the improvements upon it are the work of his hands and the buildings stand as monuments to his labor and enterprise, while the fields reward his energy and activity by good harvests. He has lived a very busy and useful life, winning that success which comes as the direct result of close application and unfaltering perseverance.

On the 18th of January, 1883, Mr. Whetstine was married to Miss Ida L. Poland, who was born in this county, July 22, 1860, and is a daughter of Simeon and Mary M. (Sigler) Poland, both of whom were natives of Maryland, whence they came to Iowa in 1853, locating in Lime Creek township. The father enlisted for service in the Civil war, becoming a member of Company I, Thirteenth Regiment of Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He was wounded in the battle of Shiloh and died from the effect of his injuries on the 22d of April, 1862. The mother still survives and resides with her daughter, Mrs. Whetstine, in her seventy-second year. One daughter, Georgia E., has been born unto Mr. and Mrs. Whetstine, her natal day being May 7, 1891. The parents attend the Methodist Episcopal church and are interested in those causes which work for righteousness, truth and justice. Mr. Whetstine votes with the democracy. He does not seek political preferment but has served as a member of the school board for twenty years



and the cause of education finds in him a stalwart friend. He belongs to the Masonic lodge at Wellman and has filled all of its chairs, his fellow members recognizing in him a faithful and exemplary representative of the craft. Carlyle has said, "The story of any man's life would have interest and value if truly told," and the record of Mr. Whetstone is one which contains a number of valuable lessons as it indicates what may be accomplished by persistent, earnest and honorable effort. He has been a life-long resident of Washington county, having for more than a half century witnessed its progress and development and throughout the period of manhood he has displayed the elements of public-spirited citizenship.

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### F. E. SKOLA.

F. E. Skola, the cashier of the Farmers Savings Bank, of Kalona, Iowa, was born in Richmond, this state, on the 24th of February, 1876, his parents being Joseph and Lidmila Skola, both of whom were natives of Bohemia. In that land they were reared and married and in 1866 crossed the Atlantic to the United States, establishing their home in Richmond, Iowa. The father, a carpenter by trade, was successfully identified with that occupation in Richmond until the time of his demise in 1882. The mother, who still survives, making her home with her son, F. E., is numbered among the well known and highly esteemed residents of the community.

F. E. Skola was but six years of age at the time of his father's death and was therefore reared by his mother, attending the public schools of his native town in the acquirement of an education. His opportunities in that direction, however, were somewhat limited, for at the age of thirteen years he put aside his text-books to assist in the support of the family. When a youth of fifteen he secured a position as clerk in a mercantile establishment of Richmond, where he continued for four years and then clerked in a Riverside store for one year. On the expiration of that period he removed to Washington and for six years held a position as clerk with Bowman Brothers, proving a capable and reliable employe. Subsequently he returned home, owing to his mother's illness, and in July, 1902, was appointed postmaster of Richmond. In March, 1903, he came to Kalona to accept a position as bookkeeper in the Farmers Savings Bank of this place and three months later was made assistant cashier of the institution. That his efficiency, trustworthiness and fidelity were quickly recognized is indicated by the fact that in December of the same year he was made cashier of the bank, in which position he has since served to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. He is likewise acting as president of the Kalona Independent Telephone Company and is widely recognized as one of the representative substantial and respected citizens of his native county.

In 1902 Mr. Skola was united in marriage to Miss Hattie A. Brown, of Washington, Iowa, by whom he has one child, Doris N.

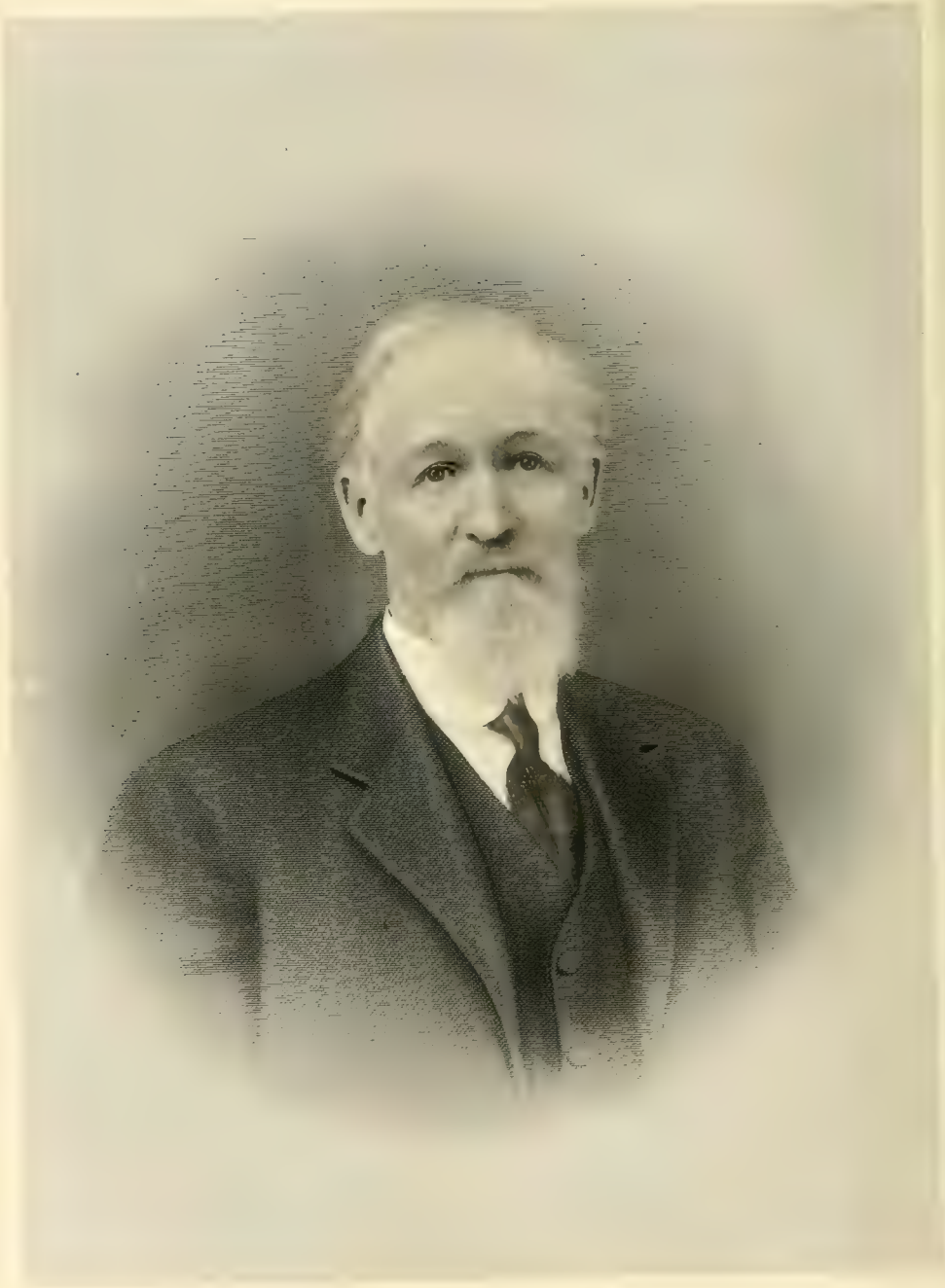
Politically Mr. Skola is a staunch republican, believing the principles of that party to contain the best elements of good government. He has served as city clerk of Kalona for one term, his personal popularity and the confidence and trust reposed in him by his fellow townsmen being evidenced in the fact that he was the only republican candidate elected on the ticket. Fraternally he is identified with Richmond Lodge, No. 96, A. F. & A. M., and Kalona Lodge, No. 508, I. O. O. F. Although yet a young man, he has already attained a creditable position in business circles, while the salient characteristics of his manhood are such as have brought him the warm regard of those with whom he has come in contact.

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### WESLEY SMITH.

Wesley Smith is a retired farmer residing in Washington. His intense and well directed activity in former years constituted the basis of a gratifying success which now enables him to rest from labor and enjoy all of the comforts and some of the luxuries of life. He is numbered among the worthy citizens that Ohio has furnished to this state, his birth having occurred about nine miles northeast of Columbus in Franklin county, Ohio, October 25, 1844. In the paternal line he represents an old family of German descent, represented in this country through many generations. His grandfather, George P. Smith, was a native of New Jersey and became one of the early settlers of Ohio, where he followed the occupation of farming. His wife had the same surname before as after her marriage. Both passed away in the Buckeye state, Mrs. Smith reaching a very advanced age. They were the parents of five children, including Benjamin Smith, who was born in Ohio. Throughout his entire life he followed the occupation of farming and, wishing to enjoy the opportunities offered on the broad prairies of Iowa, he came to this state in 1856 and settled in Dutch Creek township, Washington county, where he purchased eighty acres of land. This he improved, bringing the fields under a high state of cultivation and as the years passed and his financial resources increased he added to the property from time to time. Upon that farm he remained until his demise, which occurred April 23, 1893, when he was in his seventy-third year, his birth having occurred September 29, 1820. In early manhood Benjamin Smith wedded Hettie Holland, who was born on the Delaware, February 4, 1822, and was an only child. Her father died in early manhood, after which her mother married again and there was one son by that union. Both Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Smith were consistent Christian people, holding membership in early life in the Methodist church, while later they became members of the Baptist church. In their family were seven children, of whom four survive: Wesley; Marion, of Story county, Iowa; Frank, living on the old home farm in Dutch Creek township; and George, whose home is in Atlantic, Iowa. The mother died September 24, 1898.

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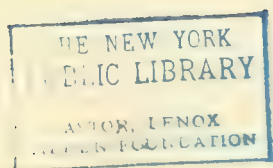


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Mary W. Smith



Wesley Smith spent the first twelve years of his life in the state of his nativity and then came with his parents to Iowa, being reared here amid the wild scenes and environments of pioneer life. No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of the farm and through the fall and winter months he attended the district schools, while at the time of the early spring planting he took his place in the fields and assisted in the cultivation and harvesting of the crops as the seasons passed. When a young man he thought to find other pursuits more congenial than agriculture and at the age of nineteen he began learning the blacksmith's trade, which he followed for a few years. In this way he made a little capital and, in connection with his brother Marion, he purchased a farm of two hundred and twenty acres in Dutch Creek township. About three years later he purchased his brother's interest and remained the sole owner of the property for about five or six years, when he disposed of it. His own investment brought him one hundred and sixty acres of land in Franklin township, to which at different times he added two eighty acre tracts. This place he still owns and also another farm of one hundred and thirty-one acres in the same township. He continued to reside with his family in Franklin township until 1907, when he removed to the county seat, purchasing a beautiful home at No. 606 West Washington street. As the years had gone by he had persistently and energetically pursued the farm work, bringing his fields under a high state of cultivation and using all of the latest improved machinery to facilitate his labors. His farm ever presented a neat and thrifty appearance and in spring gave good promise of golden harvests to be garnered in the autumn. His unfaltering industry, his careful management and his judicious sales at length brought him affluence and in possession of a substantial competence he is now living retired.

Pleasantly situated in his home life, Mr. Smith was married on the 27th of December, 1869, to Miss Marie W. Wells, a native of this county and a daughter of William W. and Rebecca (Jackson) Wells. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Smith has been blessed with one son, Sidney S., who wedded Viola McCaleb and is operating the home farm. Mr. Smith is an earnest democrat with faith in the principles of the party and has served for several terms as township trustee and as school director. Both he and his wife occupy a prominent position in social circles, enjoying the warm regard of all with whom they have come in contact.

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#### CHARLES SCHULTY.

Charles Schulty, a prosperous, progressive and representative agriculturist of Cedar township, was born in Washington county, Iowa, on the 30th of June, 1863, a son of Henry Schulty, whose sketch appears on another page of this volume. In his youthful days he enjoyed the educational privileges afforded by the common schools and when eighteen years of age went to Nebraska, where he worked as a farm hand for a year. On the

expiration of that period, however, he returned to this county and has since been identified with agricultural interests here, having lived on his present farm in Cedar township for the past nineteen years. In addition to tilling the soil he makes a specialty of stock-raising and in both branches of his business is meeting with success because of his capable management and untiring energy.

On the 30th of June, 1886, Mr. Schulty was united in marriage to Miss Maggie A. Oldfield, a daughter of Paul and Rebecca (Bidding) Oldfield, whose family numbered eleven children. Mr. Oldfield is now deceased but his wife is still living, making her home in Cedar township. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Schulty have been born two sons: Orville P., who is married and lives in Lime Creek township; and J. L., at home.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Schulty has given his political allegiance to the democracy and has served as a school director for nine years, being a stanch champion of the cause of education. Having spent practically his entire life in this county, his record is well known and at all times it has been characterized by a purposeful spirit and ready determination that have enabled him to overcome difficulties and obstacles and make steady advancement on the highroad to prosperity. Moreover his career has always been characterized by a recognition of community interests for the public good and by active cooperation therein.

### L. P. JACKSON.

L. P. Jackson is cashier of the West Chester Savings Bank, having worked his way to this responsible position by his own efforts and in the position in which he is serving he is one of the most efficient men in the county. In Franklin township he was born December 8, 1863, a son of James and Mary C. (Clemons) Jackson, his father having been a native of Ohio, who came to Washington county during the '50s and here he led a useful life as an agriculturist until he entered into rest in 1901, his remains being interred in New Haven cemetery. His mother was also a native Ohioan but was married in this county, her people, who were originally from the east, having been among the early settlers of Iowa. She still survives in the enjoyment of good health and vigor and resides in the village of West Chester. She has been twice married, her first union having been with Zedekiah Butts, by whom she had six children, namely: Helen and Edward, twins; Aletha and Adelia, twins; George W.; and Mary, who is the only surviving member and the widow of Albert Miller, now residing in Greene county, Iowa.

By the second marriage there was one son, L. P. Jackson, who left home about 1884 and became employed on the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad, his first position being that of operator at Fairfield, at which post he served for some time. He then worked in various capacities for the same company until 1886, when he located in West Chester as station



agent, the duties of which office he performed until 1902, when he became affiliated with the banking business as cashier of the West Chester Savings Bank, of which D. A. Boyer is president; J. B. Croyne, vice president, L. P. Jackson, cashier, while D. A. Boyer, J. B. Croyne, L. P. Jackson, David Fisher and W. J. Mayer are directors. In 1888 Mr. Jackson was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Vollquardsen, who is of German lineage and they now have three children: Mabel, and Edward and Emma, twins, all residing with their parents.

### W. T. TROTTER.

W. T. Trotter, actively engaged in business lines leading to success, is now dealing in buggies in Ainsworth, where he also conducts a blacksmith and wagon shop. Labor and not idleness is the rule of his life and his indefatigable industry has made him one of the substantial citizens of his adopted town. His birth occurred in Talleyrand, Keokuk county, Iowa, June 18, 1860, his parents being Alexander and Amanda J. (Crawford) Trotter. The father was probably a native of Steubenville, Ohio, and, coming direct to Iowa at an early day, located in Talleyrand, where he died during the early childhood of the subject of this review. He was a college graduate and afterward became a school teacher. At the time of the Civil war he offered his services to the government, enlisting as a member of Company K, Ninth Iowa Cavalry, in which he was the fifth ranking duty sergeant. His wife was probably a native of Keokuk county, where they were married. She is now the wife of Benjamin Mikesell and they reside in Fairfield, Iowa. By her first marriage she had three children: W. T.; Sylvania May, the wife of Robert Waters, a commission merchant of Chicago; and Frank E., deceased.

Although he lost his father when quite young, W. T. Trotter continued to make his home with his mother and grandparents during the period of boyhood and youth. His education was acquired in the common schools but his opportunities in that direction were somewhat limited, for it early became necessary for him to provide for his own support. He worked in various ways until seventeen years of age and then began learning the blacksmith's trade in Ainsworth on the site where his present shop now stands. He completed the regular term of apprenticeship, after which he continued with his employer for eleven months and then bought the shop. He now engages in the sale of buggies and also conducts a general blacksmithing and wagon work business. He owns his plant and also a good residence in Ainsworth and is now conducting a growing and profitable business.

In 1881 Mr. Trotter was married to Miss Isabelle Stewart, a daughter of James M. Stewart, of Ainsworth, where she resided until her marriage. She was born a mile and a half west of town, January 14, 1861. Mr. and Mrs. Trotter have become the parents of nine children. Carmeletta S. is the wife of F. D. Harding, of Ainsworth, and they have one son, William J.

The second child died in infancy. Leonard E. is an electrical engineer of Schenectady, New York. James A., who is engaged in the furniture and hardware business in Bennett, Iowa, married Shirley E. Dawson. Willis T. is a partner with his father in business. Carinda May is the wife of H. V. Stickley, a telegraph operator at Milano, Texas. George F., Susanna A. and Lawrence J. are all at home.

In his political views Mr. Trotter is a stalwart republican and has been postmaster of Ainsworth for the last twelve years, and is still serving in that capacity. Both he and his wife belong to the Methodist Episcopal church and he holds membership in Ainsworth Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of which he is a past master. He has served as a member of the town council and has ever discharged his public duties in prompt and capable manner. His life record has at all times been a creditable one, characterized by fidelity to duty and honesty of purpose in every relation.

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#### WILLIAM A. FOSTER.

William A. Foster, owning and operating a valuable and well improved farm of one hundred and fifty two acres on section 34, Lime Creek township, was born in Ohio on the 13th of November, 1848, his parents being A. D. and Martha (Lucas) Foster, the former a native of Vermont and the latter of Connecticut. Removing to Ohio, the father purchased a tract of timber land which he cleared and on which he erected a log house, continuing a resident of the Buckeye state until 1860, when he came to Washington county, Iowa. He took up his abode on a farm which he had purchased in Lime Creek township and remained a worthy and respected resident of the community until called to his final rest in September, 1889. His wife, surviving him for several years, passed away on the 8th of February, 1897. Their family numbered ten children, as follows: E. N., a resident of Oklahoma; William A., of this review; Marian, living at Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Henry, of Lime Creek township; and six who are deceased.

William A. Foster acquired his education in the common schools and remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority. Subsequently he rented a portion of the old homestead farm, being successfully engaged in its cultivation and improvement for seven years. He then bought one hundred acres of the farm where he now resides and afterward extended the boundaries of the place until it now includes one hundred and fifty-two acres of rich and productive land on section 34, Lime Creek township. The fields annually yield golden harvests in return for the care and labor which he bestows upon them and he also makes a specialty of raising and feeding hogs, in which line of activity he has won a gratifying measure of prosperity.

In 1872 Mr. Foster was united in marriage to Miss Lucy Farley, whose birth occurred in Franklin county, Massachusetts, July 18, 1854, her parents being Frank and Mary E. (Harding) Farley, who were natives of Franklin

county, Massachusetts, and New York respectively. After residing for some time in the state of New York, Mr. and Mrs. Farley came to Washington county, Iowa, in 1854, continuing to make their home here until they passed away. Frank Farley, who was called to the home beyond in 1889, survived his wife for three decades, her demise having occurred in 1859. Mrs. Foster, who is the only surviving member of her father's family, has become the mother of five children, namely: Harriet M., born November 8, 1873, who is the wife of C. P. Bradford, of Lime Creek township; George E., who was born December 6, 1878, and is likewise a resident of Lime Creek township; Frank E., born September 12, 1880, who makes his home in this county; Ralph I., whose birth occurred November 30, 1884, and who is likewise living in this county; and Ethel I., at home, who first opened her eyes to the light of day on the 2d of May, 1888.

Politically Mr. Foster is a stalwart republican and has served his fellow townsmen in various positions of public trust and responsibility. He is now acting as trustee and also as school treasurer, having held the latter position for thirty-two years. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, with which his wife is also identified. He is well known in this county, having been a resident here for almost a half century, during which time his genuine worth, his active life and his high principles have commended him to the good will, trust and respect of all with whom he has been associated.

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### SAMUEL ANDERSON.

Samuel Anderson is now living retired in Washington but for fifty-one years was a resident of Highland township and for a long period was counted one of the foremost and representative farmers of this county. His careful management of business affairs and his wise expenditure at length brought to him a substantial competence so that he is now enabled to enjoy life without further recourse to labor, his investments bringing him sufficient income for all of the needs and some of the luxuries of life.

Mr. Anderson was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, April 30, 1845, a son of John T. and Sarah (Baxter) Anderson, natives of Pennsylvania and Virginia respectively. The paternal grandfather was a miller and followed that pursuit in the Keystone state. He died in middle life and his wife afterward became the wife of Craig Taylor. The maternal grandfather of Mr. Anderson, was Absalom Baxter, a native of Maryland, who made many surveys in that state. He married a Miss Butler and both died when past middle age, having reared a family of several sons and daughters.

John T. Anderson, the father of Samuel Anderson, was a cabinet-maker, learning his trade in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and following it until his removal to the west. In 1855 he arrived in Wisconsin, settling in Sauk City, but in 1857 he removed to Washington county, Iowa, purchasing a farm of two hundred and forty acres in Highland township, which he operated until

his death. He was long one of the representative and valued farmers of the community and passed away at the age of eighty-three years. He held membership in the Presbyterian church, while his wife, who survived him for about a year, was a member of the old school Baptist church. They were the parents of seven children, five sons and two daughters, of whom five are now living: Marion B., deceased; Anna, the widow of Basil Wells; Sarah M., the widow of Thomas Craig; Absalom; Samuel; John T.; and Charles O., deceased.

Samuel Anderson was reared in Highland township from the age of twelve and there lived for fifty-one years. He remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority and during that period pursued his early education in the district schools, while later he attended a school in Ainsworth, Iowa, taught by Professor Doig and his daughter. At the time of his marriage Mr. Anderson had forty acres of land, which he at once began to till and improve and to which he added from time to time until he owned three hundred and thirty-five acres, constituting a valuable property. He continued the cultivation of his fields until January, 1908, when he removed to the county seat and erected a beautiful home at the end of East Washington street. He still derives a substantial income from farming property, owning two hundred and forty acres in Spink county, South Dakota.

On the 31st of December, 1868, Mr. Anderson was married to Miss Mary Davidson, a daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Majors) Davidson. Mrs. Anderson was born in Venango county, Pennsylvania, and her parents were also natives of that state and were of Scotch descent. Her grandfather in the paternal line was Archibald Davidson, a native of Pennsylvania, who made farming his life work. He died in Venango county, Pennsylvania, when about seventy-five years of age, having for a long time survived his wife. There were three children of that marriage: Patrick; Thomas; and Jane, who became the wife of a Mr. McElfatric. After losing his first wife Mr. Davidson married again and by the second union had four children, Martha, Mary, Margaret and John. The maternal grandfather of Mrs. Anderson was also a Pennsylvania farmer and his children were: Sarah, who became the wife of Peter Walter; Mary, the wife of Mathias McGarbey; Jane, who married John Elder; Elizabeth, who became Mrs. Davidson; Nancy, the wife of Joseph McWright; Richard; and William.

Thomas Davidson was reared to the occupation of farming in his native state, where he resided until the fall of 1864, when he came westward to Washington county, Iowa, purchasing two hundred acres of land in Highland township. Year by year he carefully tilled the soil and developed one of the fine farms of the locality. He died at the age of seventy-nine years and his wife, who survived him for two years, also reached the age of seventy-nine. They were the parents of the following children: Archibald, Elizabeth, Jane, Major, Sarah, Mary, Matilda and Frank P.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Anderson has been blessed with nine children: Charles, who met his death by accident when fourteen years of age; Myrtle V., the wife of George F. Foster, a resident of Washington



township; Frank E., a farmer, who married Myrtle Good and has three children, Lloyd S., Marguerite and Walter; George F., a carpenter of Washington, who married Effie Belle Crosby and has three children, Verne, Glen and Mabel; John T., who married Myrtle La Motte and is engaged in farming with his brother, Samuel B., who is the next younger; Harry L., a farmer who married Lulu La Motte; Grace E., at home; and Elsie Maude, who died in infancy.

The parents are members of the Presbyterian church and Mr. Anderson is a republican in politics, loyal to the party and thoroughly conversant with the vital questions and issues of the day. He served for seven years as a member of the board of supervisors and is a man of fine character who, in political life and in business relations, has proven worthy of the trust and confidence reposed in him and of the high regard in which he is uniformly held. His salient qualities are those of upright, honorable manhood and progressive citizenship and his life record constitutes a valuable asset in the agricultural progress of the county.

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#### W. A. CURL.

W. A. Curl, who owns, occupies and operates a good farm in Lime Creek township, where he is also well known as a successful dealer in live stock, was born in Peoria county, Illinois, March 11, 1860. His parents were R. H. and Emeline (Anderson) Curl, both of whom were natives of Greene county, Pennsylvania. In early life they became residents of Illinois and R. H. Curl purchased a tract of land in Peoria county, where he followed general agricultural pursuits for a long period. In 1880, however, he sold his property in that county and removed to Washington county, Iowa. Here he invested in land which he cultivated and improved until 1891 when he again sold out and removed to Clarke county, Iowa. There his death occurred August 3, 1900, while his widow still survives at the age of eighty-nine years. She now makes her home with her daughter Mrs. Rachel Frits, in Lime Creek township.

W. A. Curl, who was one of a family of eleven children, spent the first two decades of his life in the county of his nativity, working with his father on the home farm and pursuing his education in the common schools. In 1880 he accompanied his parents to Iowa and remained at home until twenty-nine years of age when he started out upon an independent business career and rented land which he cultivated for twelve years. He then bought the farm whereon he now resides in Lime Creek township, having saved the money from his earnings with which to invest in this property. To its further cultivation and improvement he has since given his attention and his practical and progressive labors are manifest in the fine appearance of his place. He has always made a specialty of raising and feeding stock and keeps on his place good grades of cattle and hogs. He pays close attention to the conditions existing on his farm that his stock may ever be healthy and in

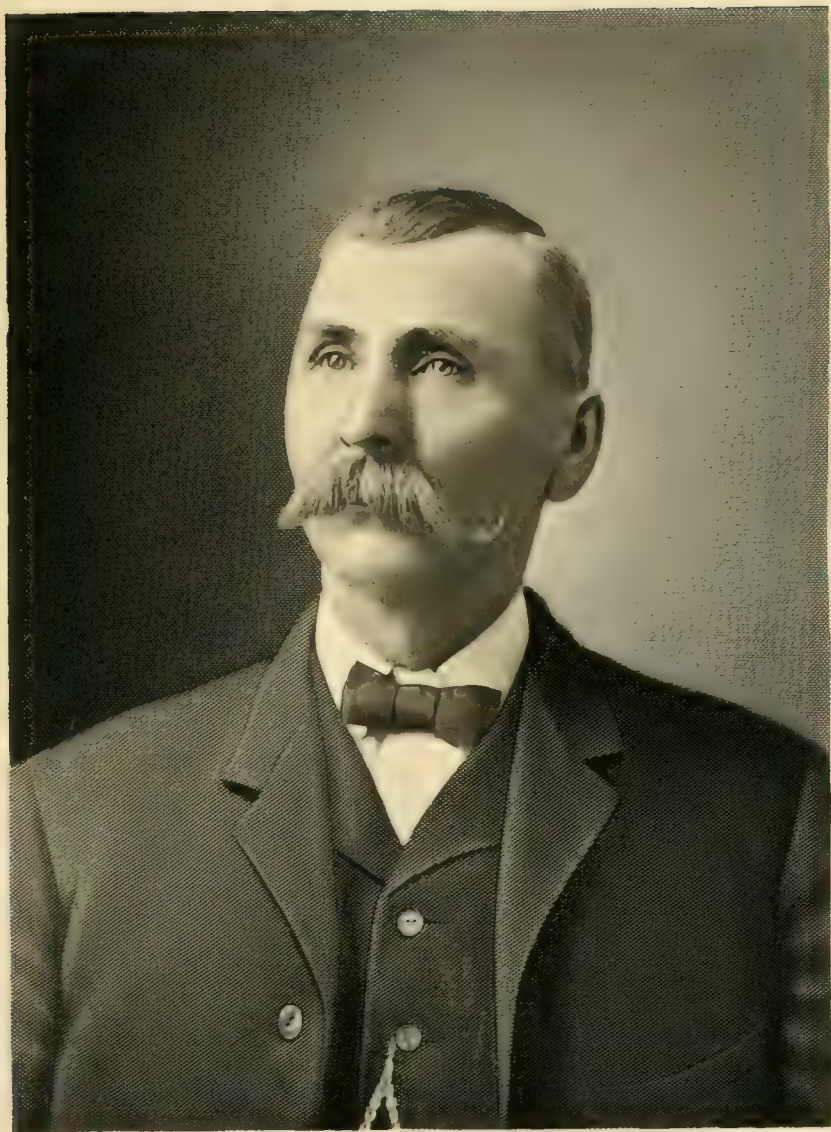
good condition when shipped to the market. He practices the rotation of crops in tilling the fields and gathers harvests as a reward for the care and labor which he bestows upon his land.

In February, 1889, Mr. Curl was united in marriage to Miss Allie M. Dodds, who was born December 17, 1869. She is a daughter of James M. and Katherine (Tatman) Dodds, both of whom were natives of Ohio. They arrived in Iowa in 1869 and first located in Highlaand township, Washington county, where for a considerable period the father engaged in general agricultural pursuits. At length, however, he put aside active work on the farm and retired to private life. He is now living in the village of Wellman in the enjoyment of well earned rest. His family numbered four children. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Curl have been born six children: J. Everett, who was born July 15, 1892; Hugh M., deceased; W. Irvin, born September 15, 1895; Clifford R., born November 29, 1901; Myrtle J., born July 25, 1906; and Rachel Bessie, whose birth occurred February 16, 1909. The parents are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church and take an active and helpful interest in its work. Mr. Curl is a republican in his political views. He believes in well kept highways and advocates substantial improvements of this character. For six years he has served as school director, the cause of education finding in him a stalwart champion. His entire life record is a commendable one, winning for him the unqualified regard of all who know him. Industry and integrity stand as salient features in his record and he is widely known as a citizen whose influence and aid have always been given in behalf of material, political, social, intellectual and moral progress.

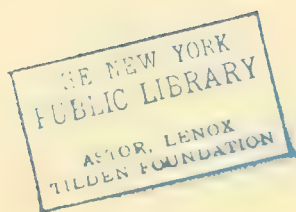
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#### CURTIS R. WELLS.

In a history of the successful men of Washington county mention should be made of Curtis R. Wells, whose earnest effort and carefully managed business affairs have made him one of the substantial citizens of this part of the state, for he now owns five hundred acres of valuable land in Dutch Creek township and is extensively engaged in breeding fine stock. He was born in Dutch Creek township on the 12th of March, 1850, and is a son of William W. and Becky Ann (Jackson) Wells. The father was a native of Ohio and on coming to Iowa first located in Mount Pleasant, while later he removed to Washington county, taking up his abode here sixty-five years ago. He died in the city of Washington in 1908 and thus closed a life of intense and well directed activity. He was one of the foremost farmers and stock-raisers of this portion of the state, belonging to that class of agriculturists whose business ability and enterprise equal that manifested by the merchant or the man in commercial lines in the cities. His estate was estimated at a half million dollars and it was acquired through his own persistent labor and capable control of his business affairs. His political allegiance was given to the democracy but he never sought nor desired public office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business interests. His wife was a native



*Curtis R. Wells*





of Pennsylvania but they were married in this state, where Mrs. Wells died when her son Curtis was fifteen years of age. In their family were the following children: Marie, now the wife of Wesley Smith, a retired farmer living in the city of Washington; Curtis R.; William P., also retired in Washington; Inez A., the wife of Seymour Martin, a resident farmer of Franklin township; Edgar Eugene, who died at the age of nineteen years; and two others who have passed away.

In the common schools near his father's farm Curtis R. Wells pursued his education, walking two and a half miles to the little schoolhouse wherein the common branches of learning were taught. His training at farm labor was not meager, for he was early instructed in the best methods of tilling the soil from the time of the early spring planting until crops were harvested in the late autumn. He remained at home until he was married and then began farming on the place whereon he now resides. He started out in life empty-handed but has gradually worked his way upward until his success makes him one of the prosperous farmers of the county, his possessions comprising five hundred acres of rich and valuable land in Dutch Creek township. His fields respond readily to the care and labor which he bestows upon them and he is equally successful in the breeding and raising of fine stock, keeping only those of the highest grades. Everything about his place is thoroughly modern in its equipment and in addition to his farm property he owns considerable real estate elsewhere and also bank stock.

In 1873 Mr. Wells was united in marriage to Miss Missouri Shaffer and unto them have been born six children, of whom three are yet living, James Edgar, Marion and Roy, all at home.

In his political views Mr. Wells is a democrat and has filled some of the township offices. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and he belongs to the Knights of Pythias fraternity. They are both people of sterling worth and enjoy in large measure the confidence and respect of those with whom they have been brought in contact. For fifty-eight years Mr. Wells has been a witness of the growth and progress of the county and has been connected with its evolutionary activities, promoting its growth in various lines through his co-operation and influence. In business affairs he displays marked discernment and keen sagacity and his capable management is manifest in his substantial success.

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### FRED L. STEWART.

Among the substantial business enterprises of Washington is the plumbing and heating establishment of Fred L. Stewart, who along modern and progressive lines is conducting his interests, meeting with well merited success which has come as the legitimate sequence of his indefatigable and intelligently directed effort. Washington numbers him among her native sons, for his birth here occurred January 6, 1873.

The Stewart family, as the name indicates, is of Scotch lineage and the American ancestors, coming from Edinburgh, Scotland, settled in different parts of the state of Virginia. There were six brothers, James, Benjamin, Perry, Thomas, Jeremiah and Richard, and they were said to have had one sister, Ann Stewart. William George Stewart, the grandfather of Fred L. Stewart, was born in Virginia, December 5, 1810, and on the 28th of July, 1841, he married Hannah Patterson, of Allegany county, Maryland, who was born October 30, 1822. They became the parents of eight children: John Gilpin, born December 28, 1842; Charles Nelson, April 22, 1845; William Sylvester, December 11, 1847; Louvinia Elizabeth, July 24, 1850; Franklin Stewart, August 5, 1853; Lloyd Stewart, September 13, 1855; George Whitefield, March 20, 1857; and Hannah Martha, July 3, 1858.

The father, William G. Stewart, died July 16, 1864. His brother, John Gilpin Stewart, Sr., of Washington, Iowa, wrote a history of the Stewart family in January, 1900, while in his eighty-seventh year and the record covers a period of one hundred and twenty years. John Gilpin Stewart was born in Hampshire county, Virginia, May 18, 1818, and was a minister in the United Brethren church, preaching at different times in Virginia, Maryland and Iowa, his ministry covering a period of twenty-five years. He came to Washington county in October, 1853, or about nine years after the arrival of William G. Stewart, who came in November, 1844. Since that time the family has figured prominently in connection with the material progress and substantial upbuilding of this part of the state.

William Sylvester Stewart, father of Fred L. Stewart, was born in this county, was reared amid the wild scenes and environments of frontier life and took up farming as a means of livelihood. In addition to tilling the soil he also engaged in feeding and shipping stock, in which he met with excellent success. He died in Washington, April 14, 1901, and is still survived by his widow. He belonged to the United Brethren church, with which the family have long been connected, and his life was at all times honorable and upright, winning him the esteem and confidence of the entire community. He met with creditable success in business and was regarded as one of the most thorough and best posted stockmen ever connected with live-stock interests in Washington. He married Henrietta Clinton, also a native of this county and a daughter of George Clinton, who was of Scotch-Irish descent and settled in this county at a very early day. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Stewart were Fred L., of this review; Belle F., the wife of H. A. Montgomery; W. G. and Helen L., at home.

Fred L. Stewart has always remained a resident of Washington, being reared on his father's farm, where he early became familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He attended the public schools and, making successive progress was graduated from the high school with the class of 1890. He then worked for four years in the hardware store of his father's brothers, Frank and George Stewart, who conducted their enterprise under the firm style of Stewart Brothers. He afterward spent two years on the farm cultivating the home place, and in the spring of 1896 he purchased an implement business, to which he added a

stock of hardware. In 1904 he sold out and for two years gave his attention to the land emigration business, but in 1908 opened his plumbing and heating establishment and in this connection has secured a liberal patronage, conducting an extensive business in this line. He also looks after his farming property, comprising three hundred and twenty acres of rich land, of which one hundred and sixty acres lies in Washington county and the remaining one hundred and sixty acres in Louisa county. In addition to this his landed interests comprise one hundred and sixty acres in Canada and one hundred and sixty acres in Kansas. He also owns one-third interest in the West Chester store owned by the mercantile firm operating under the name of the McFarland Company; is the owner of a store at Columbus Junction; and is a stockholder in the Washington county National Bank. While yet a young man he is capable of managing affairs of great breadth, and his keen sagacity and undaunted enterprise have carried him into important commercial and financial relations.

On the 15th of November, 1893, Mr. Stewart was married to Miss Nellie Faris, a native of Morning Sun, Iowa, where her parents, Isaiah P. and Frances Jane (Brown) Faris, were also born. Their family numbered two children, the younger being Roy H. Faris. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart also have a daughter and son, Hazel and George. The parents are members of the Second United Presbyterian church and Mr. Stewart gives his political allegiance to the republican party. On its ticket he was elected councilman for the fourth ward, but while he is interested in matters of public progress he does not seek political preferment for himself. However, he is never remiss in the duties of citizenship but on the contrary cooperates in many movements for the general good, and his business affairs have at all times been of a nature that have advanced public prosperity as well as individual success.

#### AARON H. GUZEMAN.

In a history of Washington's worthy and representative citizens who are now living retired after years of active connection with business life, mention should be made of Aaron H. Guzman, who has now passed the ninety-first milestone on life's journey. He is one of the oldest, most venerable and most honored residents of southeastern Iowa and there are many points in his record which cannot fail to prove of interest to the readers of this volume. He was born near Morgantown, West Virginia, May 2, 1818, a son of Abraham and Maria Elizabeth (Rathsnyder) Guzman, the former a native of Germany and the latter of Martinsburg, Virginia. The father was both a silversmith and gunsmith. He served for seven years in defense of the colonists in the Revolutionary war and was wounded three times. His birth occurred in 1733 and his death in 1821, being killed on the day which witnessed the completion of the mill which he was building. He was twice married and had ten children by his first wife. Following her death he wedded Elizabeth Rathsnyder and unto them were born eleven children, of whom

two are now living, Susannah and Aaron H. The former is the widow of Samuel Coburn and lives in Morgantown, West Virginia. She celebrated the one hundredth anniversary of her birth February 14, 1909. The mother of this family died in 1846 in the faith of the Lutheran church, of which she had long been a member.

Aaron H. Guzman was only about three years old when his father died. Ten years later his mother became the wife of John Foster, who was also killed in a mill at an early age. Mr. Guzman began learning the cabinet-maker's trade which he followed for three years and then again worked in his step-father's mill, having previously been employed there ere he took up cabinet-making. He was reared near Morgantown, Virginia, and pursued his education in one of the old time subscription schools. His opportunities were somewhat limited but through reading, observation and experience he has learned many valuable lessons of life as the years have gone by. In 1844 he came to Iowa to look over the country and being pleased with what he saw he returned to his old home and in 1845 brought his wife to this state, settling in Washington, where he purchased a residence. Here he has since lived and in the intervening years has witnessed the transformation of a village of about a dozen houses into a thriving and prosperous city. For a long period he was connected with carpentering and has built many dwellings in and around Washington during the sixty-four years of his residence here.

On the 21st of January, 1840, Mr. Guzman was married to Miss Angelina Lock, a daughter of Thomas and Cynthia (Hall) Lock. She was born in Martinsburg, Virginia, May 24, 1819, and died August 6, 1907, at the age of eighty-eight years, two months and thirteen days. There were ten children of that marriage: William Alpheus, who is a boss carpenter near Colorado Springs, Colorado, married Estaline Parker and has three children Leolia, Zepharine and Parker. Elza M. lives at home with his father. Joseph C., who married Miss Aughey, is employed in a knitting factory in Iowa City. Mary E. is the wife of James Fitzwater and they reside at West Chester, Iowa, but lost their two children, Angeline and Charley, both of whom died after reaching mature years. Geline V. is the wife of Thomas P. Smith, of Providence, Rhode Island, and they have three children, Marsh, Fern and Earl. James H., who married Anna Denter, is proprietor of a knitting factory in Iowa City, Iowa. Flora E. is the wife of J. H. McMurray, of Grinnell, Iowa. Emma E. is the wife of George W. Heideman. Charles R. is at home; and one child died in infancy.

In his political views Mr. Guzman has always been a democrat. He has lived a life of activity and usefulness although for some time he has not engaged in any business owing to his advanced years. He was for a long period a valuable factor in the industrial life of the community and in all of his business undertakings was reliable, enterprising, and energetic. A nonagenarian, he can look back to the time when there were few records in the country and practically none of the improvements and conveniences which now add so much to the comforts of life. He can relate many incidents of the early days when the manner of living was far different than at present



and when conditions with which we are now familiar through daily usage were regarded as almost miraculous. His reminiscences are interesting and in the public regard he holds the position to which his years and his honorable life well entitle him.

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### R. F. McFARLANE.

The flourishing little city of West Chester, Iowa, is numbered among other thriving communities throughout the state whose prosperity and commercial prospect is due to the energy and enterprise of a class of business men who sacrificed everything for the good of the community to the end that they might contribute to its upbuilding, thereby at the same time surrounding themselves with such circumstances as will enable them to attain the highest usefulness in relation to others. Among those who are instrumental in adding to its financial standing and commercial worth is R. F. McFarlane, who conducts a general merchandise business under the name of The McFarlane Company and the establishment being well stocked and one of the largest concerns of the kind in the community constitutes a leading enterprise.

Mr. McFarlane was born in Mahoning county, Ohio, November 22, 1866, a son of R. D. and Ann (Dixon) McFarlane. His father was born in Lawrence county, Pennsylvania, near the county line, and came to this state in 1868, locating in Jackson township, Washington county, and later removing to Cedar township, where he engaged in general farming until he retired from active life in 1906. The mother of our subject is also a native of Mahoning county, Ohio, where she was married. She still survives and with her husband is enjoying the fruits of their many years of earnest and honest labor. To them were born nine children, three of whom passed away in early life, the others being: Mattie, the wife of W. B. Kerr, who follows farming in Jackson township; L. E., an agriculturist of Lake Andes, South Dakota; R. F.; Nettie, wife of W. C. Mayhew, Jr., a farmer who resides near Havre, this county; Blanch, who lives at home; and May, who is single and lives in Des Moines.

R. F. McFarlane's educational advantages were confined to the common schools and upon completing his studies he remained upon the farm, engaging in the labors of the fields until twenty-three years of age. He then went to Emmet county, Iowa, where he engaged in general farming and stock-raising for three years. He next conducted a general store in Havre for five years. Being ambitious and energetic and desirous of a larger field of activity Mr. McFarlane came to West Chester, where for the past ten years he has conducted a general mercantile business. In this enterprise he has certainly found the vocation for which he is fitted, having built up a thriving trade which has made him one of the leading financial factors of the city. His establishment is one of the largest here and is well stocked with all varieties of commodities and in many particulars is as well equipped as the

majority of city stores. He carries a full line of hardware and in fact every thing which comes under the name of general merchandise, his goods being displayed in an attractive manner.

In 1901 occurred the marriage of Mr. McFarlane and Miss Bessie Crayne, of West Chester and to this union has been born one child, Glenn, who is at home with his parents. Mr. McFarlane as a business man takes a deep interest in the paramount political interests before the country and is a strong supporter of the republican party, in whose principles he finds the secret of the nation's prosperity, being always loyal in the support of its candidates. He is a representative type of the energetic and thriving business man of the city and the enterprise he now conducts is highly beneficial in enhancing the financial standing of the community and as its proprietor Mr. McFarlane is numbered among the foremost business men of the county.

### MELVIN WHETSTINE

Melvin Whetstine is one of the representative farmers of Lime Creek township, his birth having occurred on the place where he now resides December 10, 1875. His parents were John and Mary J. (Norman) Whetstine, natives of Indiana and of Tennessee respectively. The father came to this county in 1852 when it was still a pioneer district and from the government entered land in Lime Creek township, whereon he built a log cabin, covering the same with clapboard roof. The little dwelling had a puncheon floor and a door on which was fastened the old-fashioned wooden latch with a string which hung out in the daytime and was drawn in at night, so that the door could not be opened from the outside. For a few years that pioneer home remained the abode of the family. The efforts required to live in those ungenerous surroundings, the necessity of making every blow tell and to exercise every inventive faculty developed power of mind and habit which have established honored names on the Iowa prairies. The Whetstine family have borne their full part in the work of general progress and improvement here and the father continued his residence in Lime Creek township until called to his final rest on the 24th of March, 1905. His widow still survives and yet lives in this county. In their family were eleven children: Henry, a resident of Kansas; George, a sketch of whom appears on another page of this volume; Robert, now in Idaho; Joseph, deceased; Ida, the wife of Jacob Goodwin, of this county; William, also a resident of Idaho; Newton, who makes his home in this county; Melvin, of this review; and the three youngest, who have passed away.

In his youthful days Melvin Whetstine was trained to the work of the farm and lessons of industry, perseverance and enterprise were early impressed upon his mind. He pursued his education in the public schools and in the Centerville Commercial College and in early manhood he successfully engaged in teaching school for eight years, proving a capable educator by reason of the fact that he imparted clearly, readily and concisely to others

the knowledge that he had acquired. He afterward took up farming on his own account, cultivating rented land for three years, during which time he carefully saved his earnings until his capital was sufficient to enable him to purchase forty-eight and a half acres on section 27, Lime Creek township. Taking up his abode upon that property, he has since made it his home and by additional purchase he has extended the boundaries of his farm to include another twenty-acre tract. His life has been one of diligence, of activity and usefulness and the success that he has gained has come as the logical and direct result of his own labors.

On the 6th of January, 1900, Mr. Whetstone was married to Miss Anna Steiner, who was born in Lime Creek township, a daughter of William Steiner, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume. Mrs. Whetstone is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and a lady of many admirable qualities, who presides with gracious hospitality over her pleasant home. In his political views Mr. Whetstone is a democrat, in thorough sympathy with the principles of the party but is not an office seeker. He enjoys the warm regard of his brethren of the Masonic fraternity, his membership being in Dayton Lodge, No. 149, A. F. & A. M. He has filled some of the chairs in this lodge and is most loyal to its teachings.

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#### S. S. MILLER.

S. S. Miller, who is engaged in the cultivation of a farm of eighty acres on section 28, Lime Creek township, was born in Virginia, April 12, 1863, a son of Benjamin and Lydia (Sanger) Miller, who were likewise natives of the Old Dominion. They continued residents of that state until 1880 when they removed westward to Washington county, Iowa, living here for several years. On the expiration of that period they removed to Kansas, where the father still makes his home but the mother passed away in 1906. They were the parents of twelve children, six of whom are yet living, namely: Daniel P., a resident of Keokuk county, Iowa; S. S., of this review; John A., now living in Greenwood county, Kansas; William E., who makes his home in Lyon county, Kansas; Benjamin S., also a resident of the Sunflower state; and Lida V., the wife of E. L. Crumbacker, now of Uniontown, Kansas. Six children of that family have passed away.

S. S. Miller remained at home until he had attained his majority and acquired a common-school education that fitted him for the practical duties of life. When he had reached adult age he began farming on his own account by cultivating a tract of rented land on which he lived for three years. He then bought the farm upon which he now resides, comprising eighty acres of land on section 28, Lime Creek township. His farm work has been carefully conducted and his enterprise, energy and determination have been the salient features in his success, making him one of the representative farmers of the community.

In 1884 Mr. Miller was married to Miss Etta B. Miller, who though of the same name was not a relative. She was born in Keokuk county, Iowa, October 16, 1863, and is a daughter of Michael and Sarah C. (Stoner) Miller, who were natives of Virginia but came to Iowa in early life. Her father is still living, being now a resident of Michigan, but her mother passed away in 1897. They were the parents of ten children. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Miller has also been blessed with ten children: Arthur M., Mary M., Bertha E., John W., Lottie A., Esther C., Sylvia B., and Charles S., all at home; and Evelyn P. and Edna M., both of whom are now deceased.

Mr. Miller belongs to the Anti Horsethief Society. His political support is unfalteringly given to the republican party and he is now serving as a school director. He is ever interested in matters relative to the general welfare and progress and his cooperation is given to various measures for the public good.

#### DAVID A. BOYER.

David A. Boyer is a farmer and stock-raiser of Washington, Iowa, whose well conducted business interests are bringing him substantial returns. Widely and favorably known, the record of his life cannot fail to prove of interest to many of our readers. His birth occurred in Berks county, Pennsylvania, August 9, 1842, and in both the paternal and maternal lines he is of German descent.

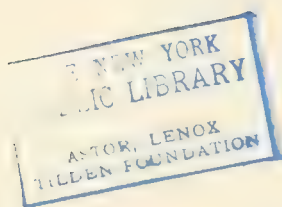
His great-grandfather Boyer was born and reared near Boyertown, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, and later in life lived near Bromsfieldville, Berks county, that state. By occupation he was a farmer. During the Revolutionary war he was a soldier during the entire seven years, serving under General Washington the greater part of the time, and he was sometimes home long enough to help put in and raise crops. In his family were three sons and one daughter: Peter, who removed to Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, where he reared a large family and became quite wealthy; John, who spent his life in and around Bromsfieldville; Jacob, the grandfather of our subject; and Susan, who married a Mr. Geigher in Oley township, Berks county.

Jacob Boyer, the grandfather, was a life-long resident of the Keystone state and was a well educated man, being the author of a number of German poems. Learning the stone-mason's trade when quite young, he went to Richmond, Virginia, and took contracts for building locks on the James river canal. He made money in that venture and returned to his home with several negro slaves whom he afterward freed. The greater part of his life, however, was devoted to agricultural pursuits and for many years he served as justice of the peace, rendering equitable decisions which were seldom, if ever, reversed when appealed to the higher courts. He enlisted in the war of 1812, as did also the maternal grandfather of our subject, but neither





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were called out of the state and the former never left Berks county. He married Miss Catherine Deeder and to them were born **fourteen children**, of whom the oldest daughter died at the age of nineteen years, and Sarah and Margaret died in infancy. Philip, the oldest son, married Catherine Moser; Frederick married Susan Shirery; Solomon married **Catherine Bortz**; Gideon married Mary Yerkey; Jacob married Mazzie Van Horn; Jesse married Elizabeth Budman; Chestenia became the wife of Jacob Mose; Hetty was the wife of Samuel Moser; Susan was the wife of Samuel Manger; Catherine was the wife of William Bower.

Solomon Boyer, the father of our subject, was born in Pennsylvania and made farming his life work, following that pursuit near Danville in Montour county until he left his native state in 1858 and came to Iowa. He first located in Keokuk county, but after six months came to Washington county and purchased a farm of eighty acres in Washington township. Subsequently, however, he sold that property and, returned to Keokuk county, bought two hundred and forty acres, which he finally lost. He then removed to Red Willow county, Nebraska, and homesteaded one hundred and sixty acres, which he proved up, making that place his home until his death, which occurred March 14, 1884, when he was more than seventy years of age, for he was born on the 13th of June, 1813. His wife bore the maiden name of Catherine Bortz and was born in Pennsylvania, March 19, 1813. She was a daughter of David Bortz, a native of Germany, who in early boyhood came to America and was reared in the Keystone state. He married Hannah Kerlin and their children were: Daniel, who married Harriet Grumblic; Benjamin, who married Harriet Loraugh; David, who married Hannah Rimby; Isaac, who married Leah Francis; William, who married Sarah Bordman; Catherine, the mother of our subject; Sarah, the wife of Solomon Erbe; Hannah, the wife of Abraham H. Vanderslice; Mary, the wife of William Williams; Harriet, the wife of William Mathews; and Rebecca, who died at the age of nine years. Of this family, Mrs. Isaac Bortz, her grandson, Dr. Francis, his wife and eighteen year old granddaughter were lost in the Boyertown fire a few years ago. Mrs. Solomon Boyer died January 17, 1896. While living in Pennsylvania both she and her husband were members of the German Reformed church and in Nebraska they joined the Christian church, but during the last years of their lives were connected with the Presbyterian church. Mr. Boyer held a number of township offices, to the duties of which he was always loyal. Both were held in high esteem wherever they were known. Their family numbered six sons and six daughters: Joseph A., of Chicago; Sarah E., deceased, who was the wife of William Edwards; **Jacob F., who** has passed away; Hannah, the deceased wife of Dr. John Wertz; David A.; Mary A., the wife of T. F. McCarty, of Richland, Iowa; Andrew S., living in Oklahoma; Allen F., who has departed this life; Susan C., who became the wife of John Adams and both are now deceased; Amanda Henrietta, who died in early childhood; Rebecca, the deceased wife of W. S. Shawhan; and Stephen C., of Denver, Colorado.

On taking up the personal history of David A. Boyer we find that at the age of four years he accompanied his parents on their removal from Berks

county, Pennsylvania, to Montour county, where he lived for twelve years and at the age of sixteen came to Iowa, where he was reared to manhood. In both states his youthful days were passed on a farm, and the public schools afforded him his educational privileges. He lived at home until twenty years of age, and then, in 1862, offered his services to his country, becoming a member of Company A, Twenty-fifth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, with which he served until the end of the war. He was wounded at the battle of Ringgold, and in addition to that engagement he participated in the battles of Chickasaw Bayou, Arkansas Post, the siege and capture of Vicksburg, the battle of Lookout Mountain, the engagements of the Atlanta campaign, and was with Sherman on the march to the sea. Subsequently he participated in the grand review in Washington, the most celebrated military pageant ever seen on the western hemisphere. He was promoted from fifth to first sergeant and later to second lieutenant and throughout the war remained a valorous and loyal defender of the old flag.

When hostilities had ceased Mr. Boyer returned to Washington county, where he engaged in dealing in cattle and later began handling horses. He was also connected with railroad interests for awhile, working at grading on the old Iowa Northern Central Railroad. Afterward he formed a partnership with his brother-in-law, T. F. McCarty, and did contract railroad grading. He next purchased ninety-six acres of land in Dutch Creek township, this county, and as he prospered in his undertakings and his financial resources increased he added to the property until he had three hundred and seventy-four acres, which he continuously cultivated and improved until the fall of 1892, when he was elected a clerk of the district court, and removed to Washington for four years. He faithfully performed the duties of that position and then returned to the farm, where he remained for ten years. For the past two years, however, he has again resided in Washington, owning and occupying a good home at No. 733 South Iowa avenue.

On the 20th of October, 1869, Mr. Boyer was married to Miss Eliza J. Harris, a daughter of Robert J. and Minerva J. (Henderson) Harris. Mrs. Boyer was born in Wapello county, Iowa, near Middletown. Her paternal grandfather, Moses Harris, was a native of Virginia and married Miss Susanna Johnston, who died when past middle life. Their children were: Robert; James; Rebecca, who became the wife of William Abraham; Nancy, the wife of J. L. Henderson; John B.; Henderson; Electa Ann, the wife of Oliver E. Reed; and William. The maternal grandfather of Mrs. Boyer was Thomas Henderson, a native of Ohio, who came to Iowa in 1843 and in 1853 went to California in search of gold, his death occurring in that state in 1884, when he was well advanced in years. His wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Henderson, was born December 3, 1807, and died in 1886. They were married May 10, 1825, and reared a large family. Their children were Caroline, the wife of James Colwell; Mrs. Minerva Harris; Merilla, the wife of William C. Johnston; George S.; Rachel A., the wife of H. C. Gillingham; Priscilla E., the wife of O. J. Lundy; John Manly; Almira L., the wife of A. C. Rutledge; James K. Polk; and David W.



As previously stated, the parents of Mrs. Boyer were Robert Johnson and Minerva J. (Henderson) Harris. They were natives of Ohio and became early settlers in Iowa, taking up their abode in Middletown in 1847. They died, however, of cholera, in 1850. Mrs. Boyer, their only child, was reared by her grandfather, Moses Harris, and his daughter Rebecca. She attended the public and select schools and the academy in Washington, and prior to her marriage engaged in teaching school for three terms. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Boyer have been born eight children: Walter S., who married Abbie English, is a farmer of Franklin township and is now serving as township assessor. Howard C., a practicing physician of New Albin, Iowa, married Alice I. Fulton and has one son, William Monroe. Emma R. is the wife of R. S. Warfel, of Washington, and they have one son, David Walker. Frank P. died at the age of seven and one-half years. Harry L. is at home. Mary F. is the wife of F. V. Kerr and they live at Caldwell, Kansas. William G. died at the age of nine years, and Ray C. was graduated from Washington Academy in 1909.

Mr. Boyer is still engaged in farming and stock-raising, handling both horses and cattle, but making a specialty of the latter. He is regarded as an excellent judge of stock and thus makes judicious purchases and profitable sales. He also writes insurance and was the promoter and has been president of the West Chester Savings Bank since its organization, and he is likewise a director of the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Washington, and for ten years has been treasurer of the Farmers Mutual Insurance Company. His business interests are thus extensive and varied, bringing him a substantial revenue, for his investments are carefully made and his affairs are wisely conducted. In all matters of citizenship, too, Mr. Boyer is intensely interested and his influence is ever on the side of progress, justice and improvement. He is a stalwart republican, actively interested in his party's success, but has never been an aspirant for office. The cause of education finds in him a stalwart champion and for many years he served as school director. He belongs to I. G. White Post, No. 108, G. A. R., of which he is a past commander, and his wife is a member of the Second United Presbyterian church. For more than a half century he has lived in Washington county and has witnessed its growth and development, participating actively in its transformation and at all times rejoicing in what has been accomplished. He is a man of genuine personal worth whose good qualities make him popular with his many friends.

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#### REV. ULYSSES SIMPSON SMITH.

Rev. Ulysses Simpson Smith, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church at Washington, was born in Davis county, Iowa, February 2, 1869. The family of which he is a representative was established in New England at an early day. His grandfather, Jonathan Smith, was a native of New Hampshire and in early life removed to Maine, where he was married. Sub-

sequently he became a resident of Pennsylvania, afterward went to West Virginia and about 1864 came to Iowa, settling in Davis county, where his life's labors were ended in death in 1866, when he had reached the age of seventy-three years. His widow, Mrs. Eliza Smith, survived him for some months.

They were the parents of thirteen children including Samuel Smith, who was born in Pennsylvania and was reared in West Virginia, having been taken by his parents to that state in his boyhood days. He was nineteen years of age when he enlisted as a member of Company D, Sixth Virginia Volunteer Infantry, serving as a private for four years. After the war he came to Iowa in 1895, locating in Davis county, where he purchased a farm. Following his father's death he bought the interest of the other heirs in the old homestead of two hundred and forty acres and upon that place reared his family. In 1882 he went to Oregon but after a period of five years spent on the coast returned and again resumed farming here. In 1902, however, he disposed of his property in Davis county and removed to Lane county, Oregon, where both he and his wife are now living. They, too, are members of the Methodist church and are worthy Christian people, interested in the growth and promotion of the denomination. The mother of the Rev. Smith bore the maiden name of Mary K. Smith and was a native of Kentucky. Her parents were James W. and Margaret (Orr) Smith, who came to Iowa in 1859. Her father, a native of Kentucky, died in 1885 at the age of sixty-five years, but the mother is now living in Bloomfield, Iowa. Their daughter, Mrs. Mary K. Smith, was one of a family of eight children and by her marriage has become the mother of fourteen children, ten sons and four daughters: Charles W.; Ulysses S.; James W.; Jonathan A., who died at the age of three years; Daisy M., the wife of Arthur G. Pirtle; Robert A.; Frances J., the wife of Thomas Small; Martha, the wife of Rufus Hopkins; Samuel W.; Retta; Paul; Leon and Loren, twins; and George, who died at the age of eighteen months.

In the county of his nativity the Rev. U. S. Smith spent the first thirteen years of his life and after attending the district schools was for two years a student in the Southern Iowa Normal. Later he attended the Wesleyan University at Mount Pleasant, Iowa, from which he was graduated in the year 1900. Having qualified for the ministry he began preaching in 1892, joining the Iowa conference, after which he was assigned to the pastorate of the church of his denomination at Montrose, Iowa. Later he labored successively at Batavia, West Burlington, Eddyville, Pulaski, What Cheer, Montezuma and then came to Washington in the fall of 1907. The church here has a membership of nine hundred and fifty and Rev. Smith is a progressive minister of wide study and strong intellectuality who is leaving his impress upon the various lines of church work through his enthusiastic, zealous and consecrated devotion to the cause.

On the 17th of August, 1892, occurred the marriage of the Rev. Mr. Smith and Miss Eva M. Patterson who was born in Davis county, Iowa, November 2, 1871, and is a daughter of Zachary and Miranda (McKee) Patterson, the former a native of Lee county, Iowa, and the latter of De-

catur county, Indiana. They are now residing near Bloomfield in Davis county, Iowa, where Mr. Patterson follows the occupation of farming. He was a son of Jehu and Frances (Taylor) Patterson, while his wife is a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Wallace) McKee. Mrs. Patterson was a cousin of General Lew Wallace and a descendant of David Wallace, who came to this country from Scotland, which was also the early home of the McKee family. Mrs. Smith's paternal grandfather was from Tennessee, while the Taylor family to which his wife belonged, was from Virginia. The maternal grandfather was born in Ripley county, Indiana, and the grandmother in Miami county, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Patterson had four sons and one daughter: Eva M., now Mrs. Smith; Lewis T.; Hugh H.; Ernest H.; and Roy D. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are the parents of two children: Hazel, born October 11, 1900; and Pauline, born November 8, 1907.

Mrs. Smith is of much assistance to her husband in the church work and both are bending every energy for the upbuilding of the cause and the extension of Christian influences in the community. Of studious habits he reads widely and thinks broadly, recognizes the influences which are bearing upon the world's work and strives untiringly to make Christianity the foremost factor in civilization and progress.

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#### C. F. SHAFFER.

C. F. Shaffer, the owner of an excellent farm of two hundred and eighty acres in Lime Creek township, largely devotes his attention to the raising and breeding of registered shorthorn cattle and Poland China hogs. He was born in Ohio on the 19th of February, 1867, his parents being Nicholas and Minnie (Weiss) Shaffer, natives of New York city and Ohio respectively. The year 1877 witnessed the arrival of the family in Lime Creek township, Washington county. The father purchased several farms and became an extensive landowner, at one time having more than five hundred acres. During the Civil war he loyally fought for the interests of the Union as a member of Company E, Nineteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, returning home with a most creditable military record. He continued a resident of this county until the time of his demise in September, 1891, having long been numbered among the most prosperous, representative and respected citizens of his community. His wife, who still survives, now makes her home in Wellman, Iowa. Unto this worthy couple were born three children, namely: J. P., who is engaged in the real estate business in Des Moines, Iowa; Allie, the wife of M. C. Struble, who is the cashier of the Security Savings Bank at Wellman, Iowa; and C. F., of this review.

The last named supplemented his primary education by a high school course and subsequently took a course in a commercial college, thus being well equipped by thorough mental training for the practical and responsible duties of life. He remained under the parental roof until the time of his marriage, at the age of twenty-three years, and then purchased the old home-

stead place of two hundred and eighty acres in Lime Creek township—one of the most attractive and highly improved farms in the entire township. His time and energies are now largely devoted to the raising and breeding of registered shorthorn cattle and Poland China hogs, which he sells and ships all over the United States, Canada and Mexico. A year ago he fed two carloads of fat steers which were shipped to England and is widely recognized as one of the most prominent and successful agriculturists and stockmen of the county.

As a companion and helpmate for life's journey Mr. Shaffer chose Miss Katie Scheib, whose birth occurred in Washington county, Iowa, in June, 1871, her parents being Charles and Mary Scheib, both of whom are now deceased. Mrs. Shaffer was one of a family of eight children and by her marriage has become the mother of two daughters, Clementine and Helen, who are attending school in Iowa City.

Mr. Shaffer gives stalwart allegiance to the men and measures of the republican party but has no aspiration for the honors nor emoluments of office. Fraternally he is identified with the Knights of Pythias lodge at Wellman, being a worthy exemplar of the craft. Tireless energy, keen perception, honesty of purpose, a genius for devising the right thing at the right time, joined to every-day common sense, guided by resistless will power, are the chief characteristics of the man. He has a wide acquaintance throughout the county in which he has now made his home for almost a third of a century and wherever known is held in the highest esteem.

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#### FRANK G. MARTIN.

The record of Frank G. Martin constitutes an important chapter in the commercial history of Washington county. He is numbered among her enterprising merchants, conducting a successful business which, in its substantial growth, indicates the spirit of enterprise without which no substantial success is ever secured. Gradually he has worked his way upward and is now in control of a large trade. He was born in Madison county, Ohio, July 9, 1849, a son of James W. and Mary A. (Gardner) Martin. The father was a native of West Virginia, while the mother's birth occurred in Ohio, but both are now deceased, having spent their last days in Peoria, Illinois. They were the parents of six children: L. B., who is now a resident of Peoria; E. C., living in Tacoma, Washington; Frank G., of this review; W. C., also of Peoria; and J. W. and J. V., both of whom have passed away.

Frank G. Martin remained in his father's home through the period of his boyhood and youth and on attaining his majority he started out in life on his own account, securing a clerkship in the store of Frank Field & Company, of Peoria, Illinois, where he remained for eight years. He was ambitious, however, to engage in business on his own account and carefully saving his earnings he was at length enabled to enter upon an independent venture. He turned his attention to the wholesale leather trade, in which he



continued for six years, and in 1886 he came to Washington county, Iowa, where he established a general mercantile business. His labors have since been directed in that line of trade and he is now proprietor of a good store in Lexington. He carries a well selected line of goods such as meets the varied requirements of the public, and his straightforward dealing, his earnest desire to please his patrons and his progressive business methods have secured to him a constantly growing trade.

In 1888 Mr. Martin was united in marriage to Miss Cora M. Dicken, a native of this county and a daughter of A. B. and Esther W. (Ashby) Dicken. Her father was born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, March 4, 1825, and went to Ohio with his parents in his childhood days. In 1841 he arrived in Iowa, settling in Washington county. Here he entered land in Oregon township and at once began its improvement and development, continuing his residence here up to the time of his death. He was a carpenter by trade and followed that pursuit until his removal to this place. He also engaged in teaching school for several years, but after coming to Iowa gave his attention in large measure to general agricultural pursuits. His political support was given to the republican party and in all matters of citizenship he was progressive, cooperating in various measures that were of benefit to the public.

On the 26th of December, 1851, Mr. Dicken was united in marriage to Miss Esther W. Ashby, who was born in West Virginia, April 12, 1820, and was a daughter of Jesse and Elizabeth (Wilson) Ashby, who were natives of Maryland and came to Washington county, Iowa, in 1839, traveling westward with teams and covered wagons. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Dicken were born four children: Julie E., who is the widow of M. C. Cavenden and is now living at home with her mother; Milton E., a resident of Washington; Priscilla A., who is the widow of J. I. Junkin and has one son, Ralph M., who is married and resides in Washington; and Cora M., now the wife of F. G. Martin. The death of Mr. Dicken occurred March 16, 1887, when he was sixty-two years of age, and he was laid to rest in the city cemetery. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and took a very active and helpful interest in its work, doing all in his power to promote its growth and extend its influence. As the years have passed he prospered in his undertakings and at his death owned three hundred and sixty acres of land in this county, three hundred and twenty acres near Hastings, Nebraska, and four hundred and eighty acres in Barbara county, Kansas. For a year he resided on his Kansas property and engaged in raising cattle. He built a residence in Washington which is now occupied by his widow and which was erected in 1853.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Martin have been born two daughters, Mary E., at home, and Lora C., who is now attending high school in Washington. The parents attend and support the Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Martin gives his political allegiance to the republican party, for he deems its principles most conducive to good government. He and his family occupy a prominent position in the social circles in which they move and the hospitality of their home is greatly enjoyed by their many friends. Mr. Martin

is recognized as one of the leading business men of the city in which he resides and as the years have gone by he has prospered, becoming the owner of two business blocks in Lexington, in addition to his mercantile interests. He is a man of resolute purpose, accomplishing whatever he undertakes and allowing no obstacles to brook his path if they can be overcome by persistent and earnest effort. His name is recognized as a synonym for business integrity for in all of his dealings he is thoroughly reliable, valuing his own self-respect and the merited regard of his fellowmen as infinitely preferable to wealth, fame or position.

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### ISAAC JONES.

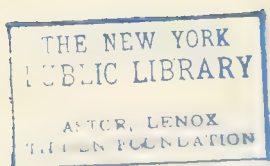
Many important chapters of American history have been written since Isaac Jones started upon the journey of life. He has been an interested witness of public events through many decades, for his birth occurred in Trumbull county, Ohio, November 1, 1823. His parents were William and Margaret (Weatherspoon) Jones, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania and, removing from that state, cast in their lot with the pioneer residents of Ohio and aided in reclaiming what was then a wild western region for the purposes of civilization and development. They located in Trumbull county where they spent the remainder of their lives and reared their family of eight children. Of this number, however, Isaac Jones is the only one now living.

In retrospect Isaac Jones goes back to the time not only when Iowa was a frontier state but when Ohio was largely considered the boundary of western civilization, for through the period of his youth in Trumbull county, Ohio, the forests were largely uncut and many of the homes were log cabins. He lived to see many changes there and in the fall of 1854 he came to Iowa to become closely associated with the agricultural development of this part of the state. He first located in Keokuk county where he rented land, continuing its cultivation until 1863, when he removed to Washington county and invested the capital that he had saved from his earnings in forty acres of land. With characteristic energy he took up the task of developing it and made his home thereon until 1870 when he sold that property and invested in his present farm, becoming the owner of one hundred and two acres of good land on which he has since made many improvements. Indolence and idleness have ever been utterly foreign to his nature but on the contrary his has been a busy, useful life, bringing good results in the attainment of a comfortable competence.

On the 9th of March, 1848, Mr. Jones was married to Miss Elizabeth Bomer, who was born in England and came to America with her parents when but twelve years of age. She was one of a family of six children and by her marriage she became the mother of eight children: Minerva, now deceased; Newton, living in Oklahoma; Martin, at home; Louis, a resident of this county; Jane, the wife of Fin Birchfield, a resident of Dallas county,



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Iowa; Franklin, at home; Alice, deceased; and Etta, who is now in Ohio. The wife and mother passed away in 1890, and was laid to rest in the Bunker Hill cemetery. She not only left a husband and six children to mourn her loss, but also many friends who entertained for her high regard and warm friendship. She was possessed of many good traits of character and her salient qualities of heart and mind endeared her to those who knew her. Mr. Jones has always given his political allegiance to the republican party since its organization, but has never been an office seeker. He has lived the quiet and uneventful life of the farm and in this calling his worth has become known for through his own labor he has wrought out his success. Now at the venerable age of eighty-five years he can look back over the past without regret for he has made good use of his time and talents and has treated all men in a fair, just and honorable manner.

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### CASEY BROTHERS.

M. T. & J. W. Casey constitute a popular and successful livery firm of Washington. They were born in this city, the former on the 18th of July, 1868, and the latter on the 28th of June, 1870. They were sons of James and Delia (Burk) Casey, both of whom were natives of Ireland, the former born in County Tipperary and the latter in County Mayo. They came to the United States in childhood days, James Casey going to Ohio where he joined an uncle, with whom he remained for a short time. Mrs. James Casey, having read of the greatness of the new world and attracted by the opportunities which were here offered, and in order to see for herself this wonderful country, made her way to the home of a relative in Boston, Massachusetts, where she remained for a brief period. She then came to Washington, Iowa, to live with an aunt, with whom she remained until she had reached womanhood. After a brief time spent in Ohio James Casey came to Iowa and as a stage driver made his start on his regular trips from the location now occupied by the livery barn which is conducted by his sons. The stage business was then owned and operated by the Western Stage Company. James Casey continued in active business until after the outbreak of the Civil war when he enlisted and served throughout the period of hostilities, becoming a member of Company K, Thirteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, during which period he was color bearer of his regiment. Two of his brothers enlisted at the same time and they were in the battle of Shiloh, his brother Patrick being killed in that engagement. James Casey served throughout the entire war and was with Sherman on the march to the sea, while his brother Martin was killed at the battle of Vicksburg. After the restoration of peace James Casey returned to Washington where he learned the stone-mason's trade and later he became one of the leading stone-mason contractors of the city. In later years he was connected with various business enterprises, many of which profited largely by his keen discernment and undaunted perseverance. In 1894 the Casey brothers with their father

bought out the livery business of James Stevenson and up to the father's death, which occurred on the 18th of April, 1891, the business was conducted as Caseys' Livery. Since that time the style of the firm has been Casey Brothers and through reliable dealing they have built up the largest livery business in Washington county. They are both genial gentlemen, accommodating, courteous and reliable and these qualities have done much for the establishment of their trade. Their mother survived her husband for some time, passing away October 15, 1907, at the age of sixty-two years. James Casey was also of the same age when he was called to his final rest and both were members of the Catholic church. The only daughter of the family, Mary, became the wife of H. L. Whittaker, a farmer of Jackson township, and they have five children: Martin, Irene, Marguerite Mabel and Henrietta.

Their sons were reared in this city, pursued their educations in the Catholic school and have always remained here. M. T. Casey was married April 23, 1900, to Miss Bessie Singmaster, of Washington, Iowa, and unto them have been born three children: Ernest, Bernetta and Bernard. J. W. Casey was married on the 13th of July, 1904, to Miss Margaret Sampson, of Washington, Iowa, and their two children are Francis and Lucy.

The Casey brothers are stanch advocates of the democratic party and are members of the Catholic church, while M. T. Casey is connected with the Knights of Columbus. They have a wide and valuable acquaintance in Washington, where they have always lived, and in the capable conduct of their business they have found that success is ambition's answer.

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#### ALBERT PIMME.

Albert Pimme is the owner of a well improved and valuable farm of two hundred acres in Seventy-Six township. He has lived a life of well directed activity and his thrift and enterprise have found expression in the success which has crowned his efforts making him one of the substantial farmers of the community. He is, moreover, one of the respected citizens who in the evening of life receives the esteem and regard which should ever be accorded to one who passes the Psalmist's allotted span of three score years and ten. Mr. Pimme was born in Prussia, August 17, 1830, and his parents, J. H. and Adaline Pimme were also natives of that country. They resided there until 1854 and then sought a home in the western world, settling in Keokuk county, Iowa. They were among the early residents of that district and Mr. Pimme entered land from the government and began the development of a new farm, performing all of the arduous labor incident to converting wild prairie into rich and productive fields. Both he and his wife spent their remaining days upon that place, his death occurring in 1889, while his wife died in 1891. They were the parents of five children, of whom four are yet living: Albert, of this review; Mary, the wife of Louis Jones, a resident of Washington county; and Lucy and Elizabeth, both at home.

Albert Pimme was reared on the old home farm in the land of his nativity and from his youth was associated with his father in his farming enterprises until his twenty-ninth year. He accompanied his parents on the emigration to the new world in his twenty-fourth year and settled with them in Iowa, where he remained until about 1859, when he went to California. In that state he was engaged in mining and farming for seven years, but thinking the advantages of the middle west were superior to those offered on the coast he returned to Iowa in 1867. Settling in Keokuk county he engaged in farming on the old homestead until 1893, in the meantime acquiring the title to the property. In the year mentioned, however, he sold that place and purchased his present farm of two hundred acres in Seventy-Six township, Washington county. With characteristic energy he began its further development and now has a well improved farm equipped with all the accessories and conveniences of a model farm property of the twentieth century. He has always made a specialty of raising stock, feeding all of his grain, and his shipments are extensive and his sales profitable.

In the year 1869 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Pimme and Miss Regina Baumert, of Keokuk county, Iowa, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1841 and was a daughter of John and Magdalena Baumert, who came to Iowa at an early day. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Pimme were born nine children: Andrew, living in this county; Mary, at home; Emma, deceased; Lucy, Albert and Elizabeth, who are yet under the parental roof; and three who died in infancy. The parents are members of the German Lutheran church and their Christian faith is the motive spirit which guides their lives. Their home is a hospitable one, always open for the reception of their friends, who are many. In his political views Mr. Pimme is a republican, fearless in support of the party, and in fact his position on any vital question is never an equivocal one. He has served as school director, and as supervisor for several years and his public duties have ever been discharged in a most prompt and creditable manner.

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### JOHN WHITE LOGUE.

Honorable and gratifying success has crowned the efforts and rewarded the industry of John White Logue, now well known as a retired farmer and respected citizen of Washington. All who know him—and he has a wide acquaintance—speak of him in terms of high regard. A native of Pennsylvania, he was born in Montgomery county, March 20, 1836, a son of John and Susannah (Davis) Logue. The father was a son of James Logue who came from Ireland to the new world and spent his last days in Norristown, Pennsylvania, his grave being made at Skippack Hills, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania. He was married twice and his family included four sons and three daughters. The maternal grandfather of John W. Logue was a resident of Chester county, Pennsylvania, where he followed the occupation of farming. Both he and his wife died there after rearing a large family.

John Logue, father of John White Logue, came from Ireland to the new world at the age of eight years and in early life engaged in draying in Philadelphia. He was married in the east to Miss Susannah Davis, a native of Pennsylvania, and subsequently they removed to Carroll county, Illinois, where they lived for ten years. Arriving in Washington county, Iowa, in 1867 the father purchased a farm near Lexington and devoted his time and energies to the cultivation and improvement of that place until his life's labors were ended in death when he was seventy-three years of age. His wife survived him and died four or five years later at the age of seventy. They were both consistent Christian people, holding membership in the Lutheran church. While the family numbered seven sons and a daughter only two are now living, the younger being Nathaniel L., of Morrison, Illinois.

John W. Logue was reared near Norristown, Pennsylvania, and is indebted to the district and public schools for the educational privileges he enjoyed. He spent his youth in the usual manner of farm lads of the period, working in the fields to the age of eighteen years when he began learning the carpenter's trade. He resided in Illinois from 1855 until 1865 and in the latter year came to Washington county where he purchased eighty acres lying in Washington township. To that tract he added from time to time until he now owns two hundred and eighty acres in the township and the place is one of the well developed farms of the community, the fields having been brought under a high state of cultivation owing to the continuous care and labor Mr. Logue bestowed upon them. In addition to his Iowa property he owns a quarter section near Minot, Ford county, North Dakota. He lived upon his farm in this county for forty-four years and in 1900 removed to Washington, owning and occupying a beautiful home at No. 1038 North Second avenue. He had also erected substantial buildings on his farm including an attractive residence and ample barns and sheds for the shelter of grain and stock. In fact all of the equipments of his place were in keeping with the modern spirit of progressive agriculture.

On the 3d of February, 1865, in Illinois, Mr. Logue was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Araminta Austin, who was born in Sharpsburg, Maryland, in 1838 and was one of the seven children of Joseph and Ann (Nourse) Austin. The former was a son of Thomas and Elizabeth Austin, natives of Delaware and the latter was a daughter of Dowdel and Sarah Nourse, her father being a native of Kentucky and the owner of a large plantation there. Joseph Austin was born in Maryland and his wife in West Virginia. They were the parents of two sons and five daughters but only two are now living, the younger being Mrs. Susan Rinedollar, the wife of Dr. Rinedollar, of Mount Carroll, Illinois. The elder is Mrs. Logue who by her marriage has become the mother of seven children: Charles, who married Emma Crumb and has four children, Bernice, Flavius, Wayne and Zelta, follows farming near Esterville, Iowa, where he owns a half section of land. Maude is the wife of Eugene Snyder, a resident of Seattle, Washington, and they have two children, Earl and Donald. Frank is a resident of San Francisco. Mary is the wife of Harvey Wilson, a farmer of Highland township, this



county, and they have three children, Ressa, Glenn and Donald. George died in North Dakota in 1906. Louella is at home. Ida is the wife of John Burgland, of Echo, Minnesota. Mrs. Logue holds membership in the Baptist church and is a lady of attractive social qualities. Mr. Logue gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has held some local offices, serving as supervisor, school director and overseer of the poor, being the incumbent in the last named at the present time. His residence in this county covers a period of forty-four years and he has, therefore, witnessed much of its growth and development. Throughout the greater part of this period he has been an active factor in the agricultural progress of the county and that his labors have been practical, enterprising and progressive, is manifest in the handsome competence which he is now enjoying.

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### JOSEPH REINER.

Joseph Reiner, who since 1901 has lived retired in Washington, was formerly for many years actively identified with the agricultural interests of this county. He was born in Austria, October 3, 1842, his parents being Joseph A. and Anna M. (Arker) Reiner, who were also natives of that country. Crossing the Atlantic to the United States in 1851, they purchased land in Washington county, Iowa, and here continued to reside until called to their final rest, the father passing away January 5, 1878, while the mother's death occurred in 1865. Joseph A. Reiner improved his farm and became widely recognized as a substantial, enterprising and progressive citizen of the community. His family numbered nine children, of whom the subject of this review is the only survivor.

Joseph Reiner acquired a good practical education in the common schools and remained under the parental roof until twenty years of age, when he enlisted for service in the Union army as a member of Company K, Thirtieth Iowa Infantry. He participated in the engagements at Haines Bluff, Arkansas Post, Black River and Vicksburg and started on the march to the sea with Sherman. At Cherokee, Alabama, he was wounded in the thigh and then taken to the hospital at Memphis, where he remained for two months, when he was transferred to the St. Louis Marine Hospital, there continuing for nine months. Subsequently he was placed in the Veteran Reserve Corps and was honorably discharged at St. Louis, Missouri, in 1865, returning to Washington county with a most creditable and commendable record as a soldier. On once more taking up the pursuits of civil life he was engaged in the operation of a rented farm for two years, on the expiration of which period he purchased forty acres in English River township, Washington county, where he lived for fifteen years. After disposing of that property he bought a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Jackson township, in the cultivation and improvement of which he was successfully engaged for twenty years. His holdings now comprise two hundred and fifty-five acres of rich and productive land in Jackson township but

since 1901 he has lived retired in his handsome residence in Washington, Iowa, enjoying the fruits of his former toil in well earned ease, surrounded by all the comforts and many of the luxuries that go to make life worth the living.

On the 21st of April, 1867, Mr. Reiner was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Ann Matron, whose birth occurred in Ohio, May 10, 1847, her parents being John and Emeline (Creeber) Matron, the former a native of Germany but of French descent. John Matron went to Ohio in 1842 and in 1857 took up his abode in Tama county, Iowa, where he made his home until he passed away on the 20th of January, 1881. His wife, surviving him for a number of years, was called to her final rest on the 24th of February, 1888. Unto this worthy couple were born twelve children, seven of whom still survive.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Reiner have been born eleven children, namely: Elizabeth, whose birth occurred June 6, 1868, and who is now the wife of Joseph Casper, of Jackson township; Rachel A., who was born August 29, 1869, and died July 22, 1870; Charles V., born January 6, 1871, who passed away May 13, 1871; Joseph S., born October 5, 1872, who is now a resident of Jackson township; Rosilla, whose natal day was August 30, 1874, and who is now the wife of Dennis Brennan, of Johnson county, Iowa; Anton and Antoinette, twins, who were born August 19, 1876, and are both married, the latter being the wife of William Conning of Washington county; John A., born August 16, 1880, who is now living in Canada; Margaret C., born October 18, 1883, who has completed courses in both vocal and instrumental music and is at home; Bertha A., whose birth occurred June 29, 1885, and who is now the wife of Hugh Dugle, of Washington; and Anna M., born January 7, 1890, who is a graduate of the Washington Academy and is at home.

Politically Mr. Reiner is an unfaltering republican and has served his fellow townsmen in the position of supervisor, while for seventeen years he was a member of the school board, ever discharging his official duties in a prompt and capable manner. Both he and his wife are faithful communicants of the Catholic church and have the warm regard and esteem of many friends throughout the community. Having been a resident of Washington county for fifty-eight years, he is largely familiar with its annals from pioneer times down to the present and that his career has ever been an upright and honorable one is indicated by the fact that the associates of his youth are still numbered among his staunch friends and admirers.

#### HON. SAMUEL M. McCLEERY.

Hon. Samuel M. McCleery, whose position in the public regard is indicated by the fact that he is now representing his district in the Iowa assembly, is also well known as an enterprising and successful business man, being extensively engaged in dealing in live stock. His entire life has been passed in the middle west, his birth having occurred in Sandwich, De Kalb county,

Illinois, September 26, 1852. He is of Scotch lineage, his grandfather being John McCleery, a native of the land of hills and heather. Coming to America he became one of the early settlers of Wayne county, Ohio, where for many years he devoted his life to general farming and then passed away when more than eighty years of age. His wife was upwards of sixty years of age at the time of her demise.

They had a family of nine children including Edward McCleery, who was born in Ohio and also made general farming his life work. He became an early settler of De Kalb county, Illinois, and was associated with its agricultural development for a long period, or until 1882, when he came to Iowa. He wedded Miss Jane Bell, also a native of Ohio as were her parents, both of whom died when well advanced in years. The death of Edward McCleery occurred in 1896 when he was seventy-seven years of age, and his wife passed away four months later at the age of sixty-five years. He was a member of the Seceder church, while his wife held membership in the United Brethren church. Their family numbered seven children, of whom four are now living: Ella, the widow of Charles Wickes, of San Francisco, California; Mary, the wife of James Walker, also of that city; Samuel M.; and Robert, of Cherokee, Iowa.

Samuel M. McCleery was reared on the home farm in De Kalb county, working in the fields through the summer months, while throughout the school years he mastered the branches of learning taught in the district schools. Later he attended McCorkle College of Wayne county, Ohio, and thus by a liberal education was well qualified for life's practical and responsible duties. He remained at home until he attained his majority and then started out in business life on his own account, working by the month as a farm hand. Anxious to engage in farming for his own benefit, he then rented land and continued to operate property belonging to others until his financial resources, resulting from careful expenditure and untiring industry, enabled him to purchase land. He came to Iowa in the winter of 1864-5 and has lived in this county continuously since, making his home in the city of Washington during the past twelve years. Here he largely gives his attention to dealing in live stock and the sound judgment and keen discrimination which he displays have made him very successful in this undertaking. He owns land both in this county and in Rooks county, Kansas.

On the 13th of December, 1878, Mr. McCleery was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary E. Lincoln, a native of De Kalb county, Illinois, and a daughter of Charles and Mary Lincoln. They have one son, Howard L., who married Blanche Nicola, and is a farmer of this county. Mr. McCleery is a valued representative of Masonry, belonging to Washington Lodge, No. 26, F. & A. M.; and Cyrus Chapter, R. A. M. His wife is a member of the United Presbyterian church. In his political views Mr. McCleery is a stalwart republican, unfaltering in his advocacy of the party for he believes that the salient elements in its platform are best calculated to conserve the interests of good government. He was a member of the board of supervisors for four years, was chairman of the board, and his capable services in that connection led to his selection for higher honors and in 1868 he was

chosen by popular suffrage as the representative of his district in the general assembly. Such is the life history of one who is widely and favorably known in Washington county and throughout this part of the state. He certainly deserves much credit for what he has achieved in that he started out in life empty-handed and has been dependent entirely upon his own resources. His ability and energy, however, have carried him into important business relations, making him one of the prosperous residents of the county, while his substantial qualities of manhood class him with its representative citizens.

### CHARLES ALFRED BROOK.

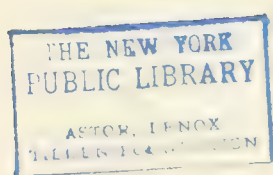
Charles Alfred Brook is the owner of a fine farm embracing three hundred and thirteen acres of land in Washington township, this county, upon which through his industry many improvements have been made. He has placed the entire tract under cultivation, producing general crops and also engaging in stock-raising, particularly in beef cattle, many head of which he ships annually to markets. He is a native of Henderson county, Illinois, born May 8, 1875. There his grandfather came from Muskingum county, Ohio, settled in 1833, and pursued a life of husbandry on an immense farm containing thirty-three hundred acres. His father, J. W. Brook, was born in Henderson county, Illinois, August 29, 1843, and was graduated at Monmouth College. During the Civil war, he served as a member of the One Hundred and Thirty-eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and at the close of that struggle took up farming, which he has made his life work. On the 21st of February, 1867, he was married in Berwick, Warren county, Illinois, where he still lives, to Miss Mary C. Pierce, who was born at Ottumwa, Iowa, June 21, 1845, and died July 16, 1881, her remains being interred near Olena, Illinois. Unto them were born five children, namely: Ella, who was born December 16, 1867, and is now the wife of John N. Brush, of Lawrence, Kansas; William M., born February 11, 1870, a gold miner at Seattle, Washington; Andrew R., who was born October 2, 1872, and died April 15, 1905; Charles Alfred; and Iva M., who was born June 21, 1877, and died July 14, 1896.

To the district schools Charles Alfred Brook is indebted for his preliminary education, and after completing a four years' course of study in the Western Normal College he began the pursuit of agriculture on a farm in Warren county, Illinois, following the occupation there for ten years. In 1906 he came to this county, where he purchased three hundred and thirteen acres of land, and here he has since devoted his attention to general farming, making a specialty of feeding beef cattle and breeding fancy hogs. He does an extensive stock business, buying and feeding many head which he ships to the markets of this and other states.





MR. AND MRS. C. A. BROOK



On February 6, 1896, Mr. Brook wedded Miss Grace Dunbar, who was born near Bushnell, Illinois, August 27, 1873, and they have the following children: Zelfa G., whose birth occurred July 4, 1897; William C., who was born December 4, 1898; May, born February 28, 1902; Paul D., born February 28, 1904; and Helen Grace, whose birth occurred October 24, 1908.

Mr. Brook has not seen his way clear to affiliate himself with any political party, but prefers to take an independent stand, since he deems the man running for office of more consequence than the party to which he belongs, and he reserves the right to vote for those candidates whom in his judgment are best qualified to serve the commonwealth as public officers. Local affairs command his attention, and while a resident of Franklin township he served efficiently as trustee. Being a public-spirited man he is always ready and willing to further projects for the betterment of the community. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America, meeting in Washington, also to the United Presbyterian church, of which he has been a member since eleven years of age. His conduct being in harmony with the teachings of the Christian faith he has always been honest and straightforward in his business transactions and is worthy of honorable mention as a representative man of the district.

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### JOHN ECKHARDT.

John Eckhardt, one of the prosperous young farmers of Washington county, Iowa, was born in Iowa county, this state, February 25, 1874, the son of Henry and Catherine (Zimler) Eckhardt. Both parents were natives of Germany and came to the United States as young people, making their way west to Ohio, where they were married. In the early '50s they came to Iowa, settling first in Iowa county, at Muscatine, and later coming to Washington county. They were among the early settlers, and had need of all of the assistance which their hardy German characters could lend in meeting the trials and hardships of that formative period of the county. Endurance, industry and frugality won the battle of life for them, and they were able to transmit to the succeeding generation sterling qualities of character born of difficult work well done.

John Eckhardt acquired the fundamental principles of moral growth and character development under the wise guidance of his parents; and from the common schools of the county he gleaned the kernels of his education. When he was about twenty years old he left home to work on the farm owned by Mrs. Adams. Here he met the daughter, Miss Ono Adams, whom daily intercourse seemed to make dearer and more necessary to him. He courted her assiduously for the greater part of two years, and on the 24th of February, 1896, the two young people were united in wedlock. No children have been born of this marriage. Following his assumption of the care of a wife, Mr. Eckhardt purchased the eighty acre farm upon which he has since

resided. This piece of land he has devoted almost entirely to the stock business, for fine cattle has ever been one of his greatest interests, and now has established a name for himself as a breeder of fine Herford stock. The farm belonging to his mother-in-law, which is associated with some of the pleasantest memories of his past life, he also works, though as a renter. Here again he displays his industry and his cunning as an agriculturist; his fields always present a most well cared for appearance; he is ever among the first to put his crops in, and sudden unfavorable climatic changes seldom find him unprepared.

Mr. Eckhardt is well known in this locality as one of the progressive farmers of the younger generation. He spares no expense in bettering his equipment, either as a stockman or a farmer, or in introducing any new methods which will more than repay the original outlay in the value and quality of the returns. He is a man, too, who does not let his social nature stagnate either by secluding himself from intercourse with his fellows or by over-zealous devotion to the cares of life, for his fraternal brothers of the local lodge of the Modern Woodmen of America find in him a cheery companion, who takes a healthy interest in all that concerns his fellows and especially those bound together by a mutual tie of helpfulness. When called upon to exercise his right of franchise, the republican candidate can count upon his vote, for he loyally supports the platform of this party.

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#### JAMES C. F. WEAD.

James C. F. Wead, who has resided in Washington county continuously since 1875, during which period he has always been connected with agricultural pursuits, was born December 31, 1846, near Xenia, Greene county, Ohio. His father, James S. Wead, was also a native of the same locality, born on the 24th of July, 1819. He married Abigail Gowdy, who was born near Xenia on the 31st of July 1822, and on the 17th of August, 1842, gave her hand in marriage to James S. Wead, a farmer by occupation, who devoted his entire life to the tilling of the soil. The ancestors of J. C. F. Wead were Scotch-Irish. His grandfather on the maternal line served as a soldier of the war of 1812. It was about the year 1818 that his grandparents settled in Greene county, Ohio, becoming pioneer residents of that portion of the state, where they followed the occupation of farming, at the same time taking an active and helpful part in the substantial development and material progress of the community.

James C. F. Wead, reared in the county of his nativity, acquired his education there in the public schools, dividing his time between his studies and the work of the home farm. Throughout the periods of vacation he was busily employed in the fields and his well developed property shows how thorough was his training in his youth. He continued a resident of Ohio until the spring of 1874, when he came to Iowa, spending the summer



of that year in Clarke and Warren counties. In the spring of 1875 he settled in Washington county, where he has since made his home, and throughout the entire period has been identified with general agricultural interests, owning a farm of one hundred acres on section 5, Washington township. He has brought his fields under a high state of cultivation and his well developed property is the visible evidence of his life of carefully directed energy, enterprise and thrift.

In May, 1875, Mr. Wead was united in marriage in Washington, Iowa, to Miss Alice J. Smyth and they have one child, Arthur E., who was born July 8, 1876, and is now a representative, respected and honored resident of the community. He has served as clerk of Washington township from January 1, 1900, until the present time, his long continuance in office plainly indicating the confidence and trust reposed in him. On the 31st of March, 1904, he married Miss Bessie L. Ritchey.

James C. F. Wead has also been quite active and prominent in local affairs. He served as township trustee of Washington township from March, 1890, until January 1, 1902, and has been secretary of the school board in this township from February, 1901, to the present time. He is entitled to wear the Grand Army button from the fact that he was a soldier of the Civil war, enlisting in Company F, One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Ohio Infantry, with which he served from the 2d of May, 1864, until the 1st of September following. He is now a member of the I. G. White Post, No. 108, G. A. R., of the Department of Iowa, which he joined in 1895. His church associations are with the Presbyterian denomination and his life is characterized by high and honorable principles, making him worthy the regard, confidence and good will of his fellowmen.

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#### J. E. DELONG.

J. E. Delong, who is now living retired in West Chester after a long and busy career devoted to agricultural pursuits, is one of the most highly respected and esteemed citizens of the community. Born in Perry county, Ohio, December 31, 1833, he is a son of David and Jane (Law) Delong. His father, presumably a native of Kentucky, brought his parents to Iowa in the fall of 1841, locating in Cedar township, Washington county, where he actively engaged in the pursuit of farming until death called him to his eternal rest February 4, 1859. While living in Ohio he married Jane Law, who was probably a native of that state and who passed away in Washington county, Iowa, in 1869. They were the parents of eleven children, namely: James, David, John, Celia and Elizabeth, all of whom are deceased; Louisa, the wife of William Waddle of Audubon county, Iowa; Severnis A., deceased; C. A., deceased; J. E.; Edmund; and Lewis.

The district schools of Washington county afforded J. E. Delong his educational advantages and he remained under the parental roof assisting in the duties of the farm until he was twenty-six years of age, at which

period of his life he entered the business on his own account, locating on one hundred and ninety-nine acres of land in Seventy-Six township. He actively engaged in the various departments of farming and stock raising until three years ago, when he retired and went to West Chester, where he now resides, enjoying the fruits of his long years of labor. He still owns his farm, which is highly improved and one of the finest in the township, at the same time possessing considerable valuable real estate at the place of his present residence.

On March 16, 1859, Mr. Delong was united in marriage to Miss Isabell S. King, a native of Hampshire county, West Virginia, who came to this state when she was twelve years of age, and on the 16th of March, 1909, they celebrated their golden wedding. To them have been born six children: Mary Jane, who passed away in her eighteenth year; Delphi May, the wife of Lee McAvoy, an agriculturist operating a farm in Seventy-Six township; Clara, the wife of George Henderson, a practicing physician at Muscatine; Severnis A., who died in his sixth year; Samuel, who is employed in McFarlane & Company's general merchandise store; and Harry Sidney, who died when two years old.

Politically Mr. Delong is a democrat, always staunch in his convictions, and since casting his first vote has never found cause to waive his loyalty to his party. Mrs. Delong says she, too, is a democrat, pure and staunch. Although her grandfather was too young to enter the army as a soldier he aided in the Revolutionary war by carrying water to those who did active fighting and was thus engaged when the Declaration of Independence was signed. Both Mr. and Mrs. Delong belong to the Methodist Episcopal church and are held in the highest respect by all who know them. He is a man whose many years of active labor and useful services is now being justly rewarded by comfort and leisure in his declining years.

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#### WILLIAM J. MAYER.

Farming interests of Washington county find a worthy representative in William J. Mayer, who owns and cultivates a valuable tract of land of four hundred acres in Seventy-six township. His birth occurred in Dutch Creek township, August 4, 1858, and as the name indicates he comes of German ancestry. His parents, Adam and Dorothy (Renge) Mayer, were both natives of the fatherland and crossed the Atlantic to the new world in pioneer times. Adam Mayer made the voyage with his parents, who settled in Pennsylvania, afterward removing to Ohio, where the Renge family had previously located. It was in the Buckeye state that Adam Mayer and Dorothy Renge became acquainted and were married. They settled upon a farm in Hardin county, Ohio, where they lived until 1846, and then removed to Iowa, taking up their abode in Dutch Creek township, Washington county. Here Adam Mayer in connection with his two brothers, Henry and John, who had come with him to Iowa, secured a large tract of government land

and when Henry Mayer returned to Ohio, Adam Mayer purchased his interest in the property. At the time of his demise he was the owner of a valuable farm of three hundred and forty-eight acres and as the years passed his careful conduct of his farming interests brought to him a substantial return. A stalwart advocate of democratic principles, his fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, called him to serve in several local offices which he did from a sense of duty although he had little ambition along political lines. Both he and his wife were members of the Evangelical Lutheran church. Her death occurred in 1884 when she was sixty-six years of age, while Mr. Mayer passed away in 1892 when he was seventy-six years of age.

The common schools afforded William J. Mayer his educational privileges, his time being divided between the work of the school room, the pleasures of the play ground and the duties assigned him in connection with the development of the home farm. He remained with his father until about thirty years of age, but prior to this time had acquired the ownership of a farm in Seventy-Six township, which he bought in his father's name. The purchase was made some time in the '70s and secured one hundred and sixty acres of land. William J. Mayer cultivated that farm from the time of the purchase and in 1885 was married and took up his abode thereon. As his financial resources increased he made other investments and in 1889 acquired his present farm of four hundred acres in Seventy-Six township, to which he removed, making it his home until this date—1909. He is very successful in his business affairs and is numbered among the substantial citizens of Seventy-Six township. He displays careful management in all of his business interests and his discernment is keen and his judgment reliable.

Mr. Mayer wedded Miss Ella E. Skinner, of Dutch Creek township, and unto them were born four children, Margaret, Edith, John and George, all at home. Mrs. Mayer, who was a consistent member of the United Presbyterian church, died on the 18th of February, 1902, and was buried in Keota cemetery. Mr. Mayer belongs to the Evangelical church. He is widely known in his locality and enjoys the warm regard of an extensive circle of friends. His political views accord with the principles of the democracy. As the years have passed he has made continuous progress on the high road to success and is now numbered among the men of affluence in Seventy-Six township, while his life record is another proof of the fact that success and an honored name may be won simultaneously.

#### HON. AMOS NORRIS ALBERSON.

The life record of Hon. Amos Norris Alberson is an illustration of the fact that circumstances of birth, education or early environment have little to do with shaping the career of an individual in this country where labor and opportunity are unhampered by caste or class. While coming of a family of the highest respectability, financial conditions gave him but few oppor-

tunities in youth and yet he has long occupied a prominent position in the business and public life of Washington and the state. His fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have frequently called him to positions of trust and responsibility and at all times his course has reflected honor upon the community that has honored him. In business relations he is well known as a successful grocer of Washington. He was born September 4, 1849, in Orange, Ohio, and in the paternal line comes of Holland-Dutch and Scotch-Irish ancestry. He was the younger of two children born unto James and Rachael (Andrews) Alberson, natives of Pennsylvania and Ohio, respectively. The grandfather, Thomas Alberson, who was of Holland-Dutch lineage, removed from Pennsylvania to Ohio at an early date, locating in Ashland county, where he long followed the occupation of farming. He died at an advanced age, but for many years before had suffered from shaking palsy. He married Fannie Campbell, who was of Scotch-Irish lineage and who lived to be over eighty years of age. Their family numbered seven children: James, William, Robert, Thomas, Ann, Mary and Elizabeth.

Of this family James Alberson, father of our subject, was a young lad at the time of the removal of the family to Ohio. Preparing for the bar, he continued in the practice of law for a long period and for six years served as probate judge of Ashland county. He also invested in farm property, to which he gave his attention as opportunity offered. He married Rachael Andrews, a daughter of William Andrews, and her death occurred in 1853. Subsequently he wedded Sasan C. Bowlby, who still survives him. There were two children of that marriage, Alice Carey, the wife of U. S. Shelly, of Ashland, Ohio; and John Kelsey, who died in 1899. There were also two children of the first marriage, the elder being William T., publisher of the Coshocton Daily Times, at Coshocton, Ohio. The father's death occurred in 1892 when he was seventy years old.

Amos N. Alberson spent his boyhood days in the vicinity of Orange, Ohio, much of his time being passed on farms. Following his mother's death he made his home on a farm with his Uncle William and in his youthful days attended the district schools. He engaged in teaching one winter, but in the earlier part of his life his energies were largely given to farming and stock raising. In 1865 he came west to Iowa with a drove of sheep, making his way to Henry county. The following year he herded his sheep but was unfortunate in the venture, for disease broke out among them and nearly all died. In 1867 he arrived in Crawfordsville, Washington county, where he entered upon an apprenticeship to the plasterer's trade. Early in 1868 he returned to Ohio and established his home in Cleveland, where he followed plastering in connection with Milton N. Campbell, his father's cousin, until February, 1872. In that year he returned to Washington, Iowa, and again worked at his trade until 1881 when he became identified with commercial interests as a grocer of this city, continuing in that line of activity to the present time. He has gradually built up an extensive trade and has one of the attractively arranged and well appointed stores of the city while many of his patrons have given him their support since he started in this line of business.



On the 7th of January, 1874, Mr. Alberson was married to Miss Sarah Hebener, a daughter of Edward T. and Sarah (Haines) Hebener. Mrs. Alberson was born in Muscatine, Iowa. Her father, a native of Pennsylvania, removed to Cadiz, Ohio, where he was married and immediately afterward came to Iowa, settling in Washington about 1860. Here he conducted business as a marble cutter. He displayed considerable ability as a fifer and acted as escort to every body of soldiers that left Washington county from 1861 until 1898, including Company D that went to the front for service in the Philippines in the latter year. He died in August, 1905, at the age of eighty-seven years and four months while his wife passed away in 1886, when more than fifty-eight years of age. They were the parents of four children: Hiram, Charles, Nora and Sarah, the last named becoming Mrs. Alberson. Unto our subject and his wife have been born a son and two daughters. Raymond B., the eldest, pursued a two-years' course in the Iowa State University and also spent two years in the University of Michigan in completing his literary education while for three years he was a student in the law department of that institution. He is now successfully practicing law in Des Moines as a member of the firm of Bowen, Bremner & Alberson. He married Louise Kellogg of Washington and they have three children: Richard Norris, John and Sarah. The daughters of the family are Nina and Vera, the former a graduate of the Washington high school and Mt. St. Joseph Academy, while the latter was graduated with class honors at Columbian College in Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Alberson are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he is serving as steward. He is today one of the most prominent and honored Masons in Iowa, standing as a splendid representative of the craft. He belongs to Washington Lodge, No. 26, A. F. & A. M.; Cyrus Chapter, No. 13, R. A. M.; Bethlehem Commandery, No. 45, K. T.; and Kaaba Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Davenport. His political allegiance is given to the democracy and his fellow townsmen, recognizing his fitness for political service, have called him to various positions of prominence. For four years he served as mayor of Washington, giving to the city a businesslike administration characterized by reform and progress. His labors in behalf of the city were of the most practical character. It was during his incumbency that the subject of paving the streets was agitated and carried to completion and now Washington has every reason to be proud of her well paved thoroughfares, Mr. Alberson giving much time and money to the promotion of this project. In 1898 he was elected to represent his district in the state legislature, where he served for two years, when higher honors were conferred upon him in his election to the state senate for the term extending from 1900 to 1904. While a democrat in his political views and affiliation he was elected in a strong republican district, a fact indicative of his personal popularity and the confidence and trust reposed in him. He served as a member of important committees including the one appointed to form a board of control bill, being favored in his appointments by reason of his recognized ability and unswerving loyalty to the public good. Since his retirement from office he has devoted his energies to his grocery business

and his Masonic interests. He has served as senior grand warden of the grand lodge of Iowa and was grand high priest of the grand chapter of Royal Arch Masons. He was likewise grand master of the grand council of Royal and Select Masons and at the present writing is deputy grand commander of the grand commandery, Knights Templar. This organization, with the basic principles of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, finds a most worthy exemplar in Mr. Alberson and his efforts have been effective and far-reaching in promoting its interests. His varied activity and the worth of his life work entitle him without invidious distinction to be ranked with the foremost citizens of his adopted county.

### JOHN E. GRIFFITH.

Among those who are following the occupation of farming in Franklin township, Washington county, and who through their untiring energy and perseverance have tilled the soil to their advantage and are now blessed with a full measure of prosperity is John E. Griffith. He was born in Franklin township, May 2, 1868, a son of Elias and Henrietta E. (Humphrey) Griffith, and a grandson of Robert W. and Elenor (Long) Griffith. The father was born in Pickering county, Ohio, in 1833 and located in this county in 1848. He taught school and pursued a course of study in Washington Academy, remaining here until 1864, when he went to California and engaged in mining there until 1866, returning to Washington county during that year, and settling down to the life of a farmer, which occupation he followed until he departed this life September 1, 1888. He was well known as an enterprising man who from time to time added to his possessions until at his death he left six hundred and ten acres of excellent farm land. He was united in marriage, April 29, 1867, to Henrietta Humphrey, a daughter of Eli and Lucia (Snow) Humphrey. She entered into rest May 16, 1872, leaving two children: John E.; and Charles O., who is now living in San Diego, California.

In the district schools of his native township John E. Griffith acquired his preliminary education, subsequently pursuing a course of study at Washington, this state. Naturally taking to agricultural life and desiring to adopt farming as his occupation, upon completing his studies, he settled on a farm and now operates six hundred and fifty-five acres, upon which he has made all improvements, his premises being provided with a magnificent dwelling house and supplied with all modern conveniences. While he produces all kinds of crops he pays particular attention to stock-raising and has won an enviable reputation throughout the state as a breeder of Angus cattle.

On the 3d of March, 1891, Mr. Griffith was united in marriage to Miss Barbara A. Neiswanger, a native of this county. Her father, Samuel Neiswanger, was born near Toledo, Ohio, and her mother's birth occurred near Steubenville, that state. They were married, however, in Iowa in 1864. Mrs. Neiswanger passed away on the 17th of January, 1909, and was buried in Washington, Iowa. Mr. Neiswanger is now living at Harvey, this state.

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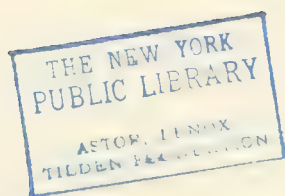


MRS. JOHN E. GRIFFITH





JOHN F. GRIFFITH



Unto Mr. and Mrs. Griffith have been born the following children: Clermont E., Charles S., Warren E., Henrietta Margaret, Sarah Pauline and John Edwin, Jr. The mother and children are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Griffith does not bind himself to the principles of any political party, but assumes an independent stand and irrespective of party affiliations votes for such candidates as in his opinion are possessed of the qualifications to enable them to serve with greatest efficiency in the offices they seek. In local affairs he has always been concerned, desirous of doing what he can to contribute to the welfare of the community, and for several terms he performed the duties of township trustee. His excellent citizenship and aggressive spirit have always enabled him to command the respect and confidence of his neighbors and he is numbered among the worthy and valued men of the township.

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### NATHAN MATTHESS.

Nathan Matthes, one of the older generation of farmers of Lime Creek township, Washington county, Iowa, was born in Ohio, October 23, 1832, the son of Garrett and Susan Matthes. Both parents were natives of Pennsylvania, but in their early life removed to Ohio, where they made their home until their death. They were the parents of nine children.

Nathan Matthes attended the public schools, learning all that was taught in those little institutions of Ohio at that early period. When he was sixteen years of age he left home and worked as a farm hand until he was twenty-five, when he decided he would enter the married state and work a farm for his own benefit. The woman who had inspired this resolution and whom he chose for a wife was Miss Martha Longwell, a sister of Jesse Longwell, a sketch of whose life is given in another part of this volume. Upon his marriage Mr. Matthes rented a farm in Johnson county, Iowa, which he cultivated for six years. In 1855 he came to Washington county, and bought a farm of two hundred acres in Lime Creek township. A part of the land he improved, for it was still virgin soil, and upon it built his home, in which he has lived ever since. Mr. Matthes has always been interested in cattle raising and every year sees a noticeable increase to the herd which can be observed feeding upon his extensive pastures.

There have been fourteen children born to Mr. and Mrs. Matthes: Mary J., the wife of John Whetstone, of this county; Henry, also a resident of this county; Lewis, of Des Moines, Iowa; Jessie, living in Chicago; Rachel E., in Muscatine; Franklin, of this county; Hattie, living in Montana; Elizabeth, deceased; Clara the wife of E. Robinson; Eddie N., and Delbert N., both of this county; Flora E., the wife of Mr. Holzhauser, of Johnson county, Iowa, and two younger children who have passed away. The family attend the Methodist Episcopal church and are actively affiliated with its interests and work.

A member of the generation of farmers who worked the soil before the great improvement in methods, in farm machinery, and in conditions of life generally, which has transpired in the quarter of the century just past, Mr. Matthes has not only witnessed but has taken part in and done his share in bringing about the change. He is a man of great activity, or industry and foresight and has brought from the ground the best that it had to give. He has also evinced the interest of a public-spirited man in the welfare of the township and the community, whom he has served for several years most efficiently as a member of the school board. The trust that the people reposed in him in making him town treasurer has not been misplaced either, for during the several years he has been the incumbent of the office he has fulfilled his duties with credit and honor. When called upon to exercise his right of franchise Mr. Matthes gives his vote to the candidate of the republican party, and he stanchly affirms that he has never regretted his choice of a political guide. To sum up, he is a man whose solid qualities have won him wide respect and esteem among those who know him and for himself a success which none will begrudge.

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#### CHARLES JAMES WILSON.

Charles James Wilson was born in the Jonathan H. Wilson home in Washington, Iowa, November 11, 1850. His parents were Michael Wilson and Catherine Wilson, whose maiden name was Catherine A. Hood. Charles was reputed one of the prettiest and sweetest babes in all the countryside, but, not wishing to umpire the game, we shall leave it to his present admirers to say whether the promise and prophesy of the infantile pulchritude has been fulfilled, or broken to the hope.

His father was a farmer and one of the very first settlers of the county, and Charles grew up out of doors, fond of sports, animals, birds, flowers, colors, etc., and accumulated the average of colds, chilblains, stubbed toes and stone bruises on heels, and letters in the post-office. He was a few years too late for the Indians that he is so fond of, and he has been gathering their relics ever since.

He never cared to climb his genealogical tree, for any of us may have had remote ancestors whose photographs we should not exactly prize. No one would care to trace back to the Flood when all of our forebears were sponged off the map. Charles did not care to scrape acquaintance farther back than grand or great-grand—he was not greedy of ancestors—let the dead bury their dead. It was enough matter of congratulation that he safely arrived on this merry scene.

His was a common-school education, supplemented by a few terms in a sort of academy. He read law about two years with McJunkin & Henderson and graduated from the law department of the Iowa University in the class of 1874-5, in June, 1875. While in the common schools, he learned much on the outside, as Emerson says, all boys get the best part of their



education on the way to school, foraging for melons, green apples, worms for bait, and abluting in the Ole Swimmin' Hole.

Why did he propose to become a lawyer? To escape the farm. The man who started the story that Charles was passionately fond of farm life was a charter member of the original Ananias Club and a nature faker besides. He tried the law to get the means to exist and leave broad margins for the enjoyment of fun. He made good at law, practicing alone several years, then joined the firm of Stone, Wilson & Kellogg. On its dissolution, the shingle read Wilson & Kellogg. Then again alone a series of years, and for a year or so it was Eicher & Wilson, then Wilson & Wilson, his son Carlton C. becoming a partner.

He married Clara Conger at her parent's home in Washington, November 13, 1872, and five children were born to them; Nellie, who died in infancy; Mrs. Katherine Smith; Mrs. Edith Lytle; Carlton C.; and Miss Helen.

Mr. Wilson has and ever had a strong taste for military affairs. He was one of the first members of Company D, Second Regiment Iowa National Guard, and had a continuous service with it from April 18, 1878, to April 12, 1906, in various grades, as private, commissary of subsistence, etc., and for two years he served on Governor Cummins' staff, as he is now serving on Governor Carroll's staff, as chief of engineers, with the rank of colonel. He was also a member of our famous Rifle Team that won contests with many noted companies and he was a splendid shot, a gift inherited from his Nimrod father.

In civil life, he held the offices of city solicitor, county attorney four terms, representative for Washington county in the twenty-eighth and twenty-ninth general assemblies of Iowa, and was a member of the republican state central committee for the first congressional district two years, and he is local attorney for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railway. He is a Mason, a Knight of Pythias, an Elk, and belongs to several fraternal insurance societies. His church associations are by proxy Episcopalian, and his general religious views may be summed up in the credo, the goodness of man and the mercy of God.

He and his wife are noted for the jolliest hospitality. Mine host has few rivals as an entertainer, for he is brimming with stories, anecdotes, wise saws and pithy instances, and he is so artistic a mimic and has such a keen sense of the comic, he would shine on the vaudeville stage.

Withal, he has singular fitness for public life, especially adaptedness to wise legislation. This county never had an abler and more versatile, or safer and saner representative in the legislature than was he in two sessions. He loved the agreeable work, and the scope and wisdom and good sense of his acts were seen only by those who went behind the scenes, into the committee rooms, where, as in laboratories, the germs are nourished or made way with, as the case requires.

He enjoyed quaint characters, full of sap and individuality, and no doubt he thought this county has grown as queer and as rich specimens of humanity as ever sat to playwright, poet, novelist, caricaturist, or were bodied forth by comedians to amuse mankind. Droll people appealed might-

ily to him, and he counted that day dull which did not bring occasions for several earthquake laughs to this true Epicurean.

Mr. Wilson is a many-sided man, and a close acquaintance with him discloses signal ability and a variety of tastes and passions that one might not suspect in the silent, thoughtful, preoccupied man. At the bar his is one of the acutest intellects. In the heat of trial his mind acts with the quickness and energy of gunpowder, and he is a successful practitioner. He has a passion for gardening and is an enthusiast in the culture of flowers. The bride of his soul is the tube-rose. He comes up town with a pocketfull, mornings, and without a word tucks one in the button-hole of a friend. In the floral season he is all aroma—pronounce that ar-o-ma—and he smells as good as if he had slept in his clothes in the Persian rose-garden of Saadi. He is not booky, but he has done a heap of thinking on many lines. Beware how you engage him—in controversy he is as dangerous a polemic as Huxley said Newman was before he became cardinal. Charles thinks things out broad gauge, with patience and thoroughness and the clearest vision of logical relations. He has a passion for relics, especially for Indian remains and archaic fire arms and implements. He would, probably, rather pick up an Indian arrow-head than a twenty dollar gold piece, tho' he has bushels of these darts. Every new dart is another "good Indian." He built a museum to hold his curios, and it is the quaintest shop in the city.

#### ALVIN E. REEVES.

Alvin E. Reeves, a prosperous and enterprising agriculturist of Cedar township, is the owner of a fine farm of one hundred and fifty acres on sections 1 and 2. He was born in Washington county, Iowa, August 5, 1863, his parents being Abraham and Maria (Cooper) Reeves, the latter a native of Indiana. They came to Iowa at an early day and Abraham Reeves, who was a farmer by occupation, became identified with the agricultural development of this county. On the 30th of April, 1868, he was killed by the accidental explosion of his gun while he was attempting to shoot a chicken hawk. His wife survived him for four decades, being called to her final rest on the 23d of February, 1908. Unto this worthy couple were born three children, namely: Charlotte E., who is the wife of William Benson, of Murray, Iowa; Alvin E., of this review; and Thomas, of Cedar township.

Alvin E. Reeves attended the common schools in pursuit of an education and continued to reside at home until twenty-one years of age. He then bought eighty acres of land on sections 1 and 12, Cedar township, which he cultivated for five years, on the expiration of which period he disposed of the property and purchased his present farm of one hundred and fifty acres on sections 1 and 2, Cedar township. The fields annually yield bounteous harvests as a reward for his care and labor and his ability as an agriculturist is manifest in the excellent results which have attended his efforts.

On the 2d of February, 1888, Mr. Reeves was united in marriage to Miss Nellie M. Sterling, whose birth occurred in Washington county, March 27, 1869, her parents being John W. and Elizabeth (Bear) Sterling, the former a native of Maryland and the latter of Washington county, Iowa. The death of Mrs. Sterling occurred August 30, 1895, while her husband passed away on the 16th of February, 1901. Their union was blessed with seven children, as follows: William, now in the state of Washington; Mrs. Charles Blanden, of St. Louis, Missouri; Gideon, who is a resident of South Haven, Michigan; Mrs. Reeves; Mina, the wife of Frank Ruff, of Seattle, Washington; Joseph, who makes his home at Blue Island, Illinois; and Newell, of Glenwood, Iowa. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Reeves have been born three children: Fern E., whose birth occurred May 30, 1890; Dale S., who first opened his eyes to the light of day on the 6th of January, 1896; and Fayette E., born November 22, 1903.

Mr. Reeves exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party and has served as school director for several years. Fraternally he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America at Kalona, Iowa. Both he and his wife are faithful members of the Baptist church and in this county, where they have spent their entire lives, they have gained the warm regard and esteem of an extensive circle of friends.

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#### EDWIN BROWN.

Edwin Brown, a farmer whose ice cream is well known in this section of the country, was born in Hartford county, Connecticut, November 3, 1849, the son of John P. and Annis (Bacon) Brown. The mother was a native of Hartford county, the Bacons being one of the oldest families, dating back to colonial days. John Brown, on the other hand, was of English birth and came to the United States in his early manhood. In the country of his birth he had learned designing for carpet weaving and on his advent in Connecticut became one of the designers of patterns for the Hartford Carpet Company, a firm which is still in existence and has one of the largest manufacturing plants of its kind in the world. John Brown worked for the company for many years, until the first strike, when he was one of the men who walked out and refused to return. For a time subsequent to this he engaged in the butcher business, both wholesale and retail, in Hartford county, but in 1872, with three sons and one daughter, he came to Washington county, Iowa. Here he secured a farm in Lime Creek township, the one now owned by his daughter, Mrs. Eunice Brown, upon which he lived until his death, in 1891, when he had reached the advanced age of **eighty-three years**.

Edwin Brown, the subject of this sketch, was one of the sons who came with the father to Washington county in 1872, but in the fall of the same year he went to Chicago, where he was employed as meter inspector by the water works department of that city. He held this position for eight years and in 1880 returned to Washington county, locating on a farm of eighty

acres in Lime Creek township, which he had purchased some time previous to his return here. About 1900 he began manufacturing ice cream. The business started on a small scale, and, it might be said, by chance, for Mrs. Brown had brought with her from the east a recipe for making this popular refreshment. She was in the habit of making a quantity of ice cream on the occasion of sociables and picnics, but soon the fame of her product spread to such an extent, and she was called upon to furnish a quantity so frequently, that the family decided to go into the manufacturing of the confection as a business. The venture has prospered marvelously and the product is sold in Riverside, Kalona, Wellman and Keswick. Perhaps the fact that Mr. Brown keeps twenty-five head of cattle to supply the demands of the business and during the summer buys milk extensively may give some indication of the size of his trade and the popularity of his ice cream.

In 1874 Mr. Brown married Miss Emma Sperry, of Van Buren county, Michigan, and became the father of five children: Frank E., a farmer of Lime Creek township; Grace E., the wife of Ernest Gabriel, of the same township; Anna B., the wife of Ralph Foster, also of Lime Creek township; George L., associated with the father in farming and the ice cream manufacturing business; and Arthur S., deceased. The family are members of the Wellman Baptist church and are regular in the performance of their religious duties.

When occasion requires the exercise of his franchise, Mr. Brown votes with the republican party, but though he has ever been interested in the welfare of the community and in good government he has never been an office seeker. And yet he has for twenty years been a member of the school board, and in this capacity has rendered valuable service to the citizens and has proved how well founded was the trust reposed in his powers by those who have repeatedly elected him to this position. He is a man highly esteemed among those who know him for he is possessed of sterling qualities.

### JOHN KEATING.

John Keating, deceased, was a prosperous agriculturist and worthy citizen of Washington township, this county, his life's career terminating November 14, 1893. He was a native of County Down, Ireland, born September 7, 1835, a son of John and Mary A. (Wilson) Keating. The father was also a native of the Emerald isle, who following the death of his first wife married a second time and brought his bride to the United States, leaving the children of his first marriage in Ireland. On his arrival here he located in Herkimer county, New York, remaining there for a few years and then removing to this county, where he followed agricultural pursuits until he departed this life, November 11, 1876, his remains being interred in the old city cemetery. The mother of our subject was of Scottish extraction and spent her entire life in Ireland, where she passed away in 1842. To her were born six children: Mary, whose address is unknown; Margaret, de-



ceased; Stewart, deceased; John; Jane, deceased; and Nancy, a resident of New York state.

The common schools of his native country afforded John Keating his education, and upon the death of his mother his lot was cast among strangers when he was but seven years of age. He was thus forced to get along in life as best he could, working at anything which came to his hand. He succeeded in making a living in his native land until he was sixteen years of age, when he came to the United States, locating in Herkimer county, New York, where he remained for about six years. He then removed to Kalamazoo, Michigan, remaining there for a few years, and in 1858 located in this county, where he worked by the month for a time.

On September 23, 1861, Mr. Keating answered the country's call to arms and enlisted in Company F, Eleventh Iowa Volunteer Infantry, serving for three years, and upon his discharge, December 31, 1863, he reenlisted and was in the military ranks until the close of the conflict, receiving an honorable discharge on July 15, 1865. In the battle of Shiloh he received a gunshot wound in the hand, which incapacitated him for duty for a time. Later he served in the Vicksburg campaign and participated in several battles in Louisiana, subsequently being with General Sherman on the march to the sea. Leaving the service in 1864 to be united in marriage, he afterward joined Sherman's army, his last engagement having been in North Carolina. Mr. Keating was present at the surrender of General Johnston and was at Durham station when he received the news of the assassination of President Lincoln. He participated in the Grand Review in Washington, D. C., at the close of the war and was mustered out at Louisville, Kentucky. During his military career he had been promoted to the office of corporal.

At the close of the war Mr. Keating returned to this county, where he purchased forty acres of land, upon which he engaged in general farming, becoming quite prosperous and accumulating from year to year until at his death he owned an excellent farm of one hundred and forty-six acres. Upon his death his wife assumed the management of the farm and with the assistance of her children her efforts were attended with success, adding one hundred and two acres of land to the tract. The farm at present is one of the best kept and finest in that part of the county.

On the 7th of April, 1864, Mr. Keating wedded Miss Isabella Kennedy, a native of County Down, Ireland, born October 10, 1840, and a daughter of John and Margaret (Wilson) Kennedy. After coming to America her father located in Herkimer county, New York, where he remained for six years. He then came to this county, where he lived until his death, August 7, 1862, his remains being interred in the old cemetery of Washington. Mrs. Keating's mother was also a native of the Emerald isle, where she was married, and she entered into rest here April 26, 1869, after rearing five children, namely: John, who passed away April 24, 1883; James, who was a member of Company F, Eleventh Iowa Volunteer Infantry who lost his life November 12, 1863, at the siege of Vicksburg; Mary A., who passed away March 4, 1908; Margaret, whose death occurred June 3, 1894; and Isabella. To Mr. and Mrs. Keating were born: Margaret J., March

20, 1860; Mary A., born January 1, 1868, died in Syracuse, New York, 1889, and was interred in the Elm Grove cemetery, this county; Alice B., born February 26, 1870, died December 19, 1895, her remains also being interred in the Elm Grove cemetery; Walter F., born February 12, 1872, wedded Clara Jensen November 29, 1900, and now resides in Cresbard, South Dakota; John E., whose birth occurred September 25, 1874, resides at home; Jennie R. was born December 7, 1876; Charles S., born January 29, 1879, resides with his wife, formerly Miss Georgie E. Swift, in Washington township; and Howard E. was born May 19, 1881.

Politically Mr. Keating was always loyal to the republican party, taking quite an interest in local affairs, and during his career served as trustee of his township and as well in a number of other minor offices. He belonged to I. G. White Post, No. 108, G. A. R.; was a member of the Baptist church, in the affairs of which he was active; and, being a man whose daily life was in keeping with the tenets of his faith, he was highly respected by the citizens of the township and in his death the community lost a substantial and worthy man.

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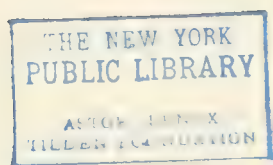
### J. N. ANDERSON.

J. N. Anderson is a prosperous farmer and stock raiser of Washington county, owning a tract of land comprising one hundred and sixty acres on section 25, Crawford township. He was born in Pawnee county, Nebraska, July 14, 1861, a son of Milton and Mary Ellen (Cochran) Anderson. The father was a native of Kentucky, and on removing westward first settled in Nebraska, where he spent several years. He subsequently came to Washington county, Iowa, and later he took up his abode in Page county, this state, making his home near College Springs. He eventually went to Jewell county, Kansas, where he now makes his home. He has made farming his life work. The mother, who was born in Indiana, is deceased. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Anderson numbered eleven children, namely: Belle, the wife of Thomas Jachrist, a resident of Norton county, Kansas; J. N., of this review; James, a farmer of Jefferson county, Kansas; Charles, who makes his home near Burr Oak, that state; Samuel, David, George and Rufus, all of whom live near Esbon, Kansas; Lillie, the wife of Walter Watson; and Hattie and Daisy, at home.

J. N. Anderson, the second in order of birth and the eldest son, was educated in the common schools of College Springs, Page county, Iowa. He remained under the parental roof until he had reached the age of eighteen years and then began life on his own account by working as a farm hand by the month. For four years he was thus employed on farms near College Springs and at the end of that time, having acquired a sum that enabled him to engage in farming independently, he operated rented land for several years and when twenty-eight years of age went to McDonough county, Illinois, where he purchased one hundred acres, which he operated six years. After having in that time fully tested the productiveness of Illinois land and



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believing that Iowa offered better opportunities to the agriculturist, he returned to this state and seven years ago took up his abode on his present farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 25, Crawford township. He has erected all the buildings, including a comfortable residence, good barn and other outbuildings and altogether has a well improved property. Although Mr. Anderson gives much of his time to general farming, he also raises and feeds cattle on quite an extensive scale and at the present time has one of the finest herds in the county.

In 1890 Mr. Anderson wedded Miss Belle Ehrheart, a resident of Macomb, Illinois. They have a daughter, Bertha, who is an accomplished musician. In politics Mr. Anderson is a republican, giving stalwart support to the party although never seeking public office. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, while his fraternal relations connect him with the Masons and the Modern Woodmen at Crawfordsville. With the incentive of some day owning land, he worked his way upward from a farm hand and eventually his hopes were realized in the fine tract which is the reward of his efforts.

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#### O. F. LAUBACH.

O. F. Laubach is engaged in the cultivation of a farm of two hundred and twenty acres of Iowa's rich and productive soil. The place is located in Seventy Six township and here in addition to tilling the land he makes a specialty of raising and feeding full blooded Poland China hogs and also in raising and breeding horses. His business interests are carefully managed and well conducted and have brought to him a substantial measure of prosperity. Mr. Laubach is a native of Pennsylvania, his birth having there occurred on the 18th of March, 1865. His parents, Conrad and Rebecca (Seem) Laubach, were both natives of southern Pennsylvania and in the year 1800 sought a home in the middle west, settling first near Muscatine, but later came to Washington county, Iowa. The following year the father purchased the farm upon which O. F. Laubach now resides and was thereafter continuously connected with agricultural interests until his demise, which occurred on the 1st of April, 1907. His widow still survives and is now living in West Chester, Iowa, at the age of seventy-one years.

O. F. Laubach, the only child, remained at home until he had attained his majority and in the meantime pursued his education in the public schools, while the periods of vacation were spent in the work of the fields. When he had reached man's estate he spent a year in travel through the west and then returned to Washington county, since which time he has engaged in general farming, taking charge of the old home place which comprises two hundred and twenty acres. The soil is very arable and productive and responds readily in substantial harvests. His business interests are attended with success for he is discriminating in his judgment and careful in his management. He makes a specialty of raising and feeding full blooded Poland

China hogs and has some fine stock of that variety. He also raises and breeds horses and each year his sale of stock brings him in very substantial returns.

In 1902 Mr. Laubach was married to Miss Hattie Seem, who was born in Illinois in 1875. Her father is now deceased and her mother is living in Missouri. Mrs. Laubach is a high-school graduate and a lady of culture and refinement. By her marriage she has become the mother of two children, Daniel and Lester.

Mr. and Mrs. Laubach are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, interested and active in its work and do all in their power to promote its growth and extend its influence. Mr. Laubach gives his political allegiance to the republican party but has never sought nor desired office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business interests, in the careful control of which lies the secret of his success.

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#### W. T. HAMILTON.

One of the leading men of this section, a most prosperous farmer and a man of affairs, is W. T. Hamilton, of Lime Creek township, Washington county, Iowa. He was born in English River township, this county, May 13, 1846, the son of Dr. Joseph and Caroline (Piper) Hamilton. The father was a native of West Virginia, the mother of Maine, but both went to Ohio as young people—the mother with her parents—and there they became acquainted and were married. In 1843 the couple came to Iowa, and after a year spent in Iowa county, they located in English River township, Washington county, where the father took up four hundred and eighty acres of government land. Upon this he made his home until his death, which occurred August 12, 1890, his wife surviving him nearly two years, dying February 1, 1892. Joseph Hamilton had read medicine and had been graduated as a physician when a young man. He practiced somewhat in Ohio and after coming to Iowa, but the hardships of farming in a new country and his constantly increasing interests in the new life occupied more and more of his time until he was compelled to give up his profession.

W. T. Hamilton received his early training for life under the guidance of his parents and in the district schools. He led a useful life at home until he was twenty-three years of age, when he started to make his own way in the world. His first position was as a herder of cattle, and for some seven years he was connected with the cattle business, herding stock for others at so much per head. In 1872 he married, and the following year bought a farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Johnson county, upon which he made his home until 1881 two years after his wife's death. At that time he removed to Kalona, where he devoted his energies to buying and shipping cattle for some five years. In 1892 he came to Wellman, where he has since made his home. He owns a fine farm of four hundred and eighty-six acres near town, which he had purchased prior to coming to Wellman.

Mr. Hamilton chose as the bride of his first marriage Miss Maggie Cochran, of Iowa county, by whom he had three children: Franklin P., who owns a portion of his father's farm and cultivates the remainder; Albert P., a resident of Iowa City, Iowa; and the youngest now deceased. In 1896 Mr. Hamilton married Miss Ettie Ross, of Washington county, and to this union there were born two children: Rosalind and Jeannette, deceased.

Mr. Hamilton is a prominent and influential citizen, well known both in Wellman and throughout the county. He assisted in the organization of the Security Savings Bank there, and was made president of the institution. But he has many interests of a broader character. Though now he holds a withdrawal card from the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, he was for many years an active member of the local lodge, and also belonged to the Wellman lodge of the Knights of Pythias until this society died out in the town. In politics as well Mr. Hamilton plays an important part and his views are of weight in the councils of the republican party, for he is one of the progressive spirits of the body in his section of the county and is vigorous in working for its interests. In short Mr. Hamilton is a man, who, endowed by nature with many fine qualities, has so developed them and employed to his best advantage the opportunities that presented themselves to him, that he has attained an estimable position among the people that know him. His name stands for healthy progress and at the same time for stability.

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#### CHARLES KREBS.

Charles Krebs, an energetic, alert and enterprising agriculturist of Iowa township, where he owns a well improved farm of one hundred and fifty-three acres, was born in that township on the 7th of July, 1871, his parents being Frederick and Rachel (Hagan) Krebs, who were natives of Germany. In the '50s they crossed the Atlantic to the new world, locating in the state of New York, where the father secured employment as a farm hand. Subsequently he removed to Massachusetts and later came to Washington county, Iowa, here purchasing a tract of land of forty acres. As the years passed and his financial resources increased through the careful conduct of his agricultural interests, he extended the boundaries of his farm by the additional purchase of land and continued to reside on that place until called to his final rest on the 27th of March, 1904. His wife still survives at the age of seventy-three years and now makes her home in Riverside, Iowa. Unto this worthy couple were born ten children, namely: Mary, who is deceased; Louise, the wife of Jacob Franks, of Iowa township. Jane, who is the wife of Jacob Lawser and resides in Kalona, Iowa; Rachel, the wife of Charles Gerot, of Riverside, Iowa; Henry, whose sketch appears on another page of this work; Frederick and John, living in Iowa township; William; Charles, of this review; and Gottlieb, who is likewise a resident of Iowa township.

Charles Krebs remained at home until the time of his marriage and then located on his present farm of one hundred and fifty-three acres, which he had acquired from his father. In addition to cultivating the cereals best adapted to soil and climate he has also been extensively engaged in the raising of black faced sheep, this branch of activity adding not a little to his yearly income. The neat and thrifty appearance of the place indicates the supervision of a practical and progressive owner and in all of his undertakings Mr. Krebs has gained that measure of success which is ever the reward of earnest, persistent and untiring labor when guided by sound judgment and keen discrimination.

On the 22d of October, 1901, Mr. Krebs was united in marriage to Miss Christie Reha, of Riverside, Washington county. Unto them were born four children, three of whom survive: Herman G., Merle R. and Gottlieb R. Mr. Krebs casts his ballot in support of the men and measures of the republican party and keeps well informed on the political questions and issues of the day. Having spent his entire life in this county, he has a wide acquaintance within its borders, while his many sterling characteristics have gained him kindly regard and warm friendships.

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#### T. Y. WICKHAM.

The extent and importance of the business interests which have claimed the time and attention of T. Y. Wickham have made him one of the prominent men of Washington county, his labors proving a factor in its commercial development. He has now retired from mercantile life and lives in Ainsworth but still has investments in business affairs which are bringing him a substantial financial return. A native of Minisink, New York, he was born February 19, 1836, his parents being Halsey and Rebecca (Young) Wickham. The father was likewise a native of the Empire state, where he lived and died, devoting his entire life to the occupation of farming. The family is of Scotch extraction but was founded in America at an early day. The mother was born in the state of New York and came to this county a few months prior to her death. The children of the household were three in number: Emeline, now deceased; T. Y., of this review; and Emmet, who resides in Rockland county, New York.

T. Y. Wickham pursued his education in the public school of his native village and remained at home until his marriage, working on the farm through the period of his boyhood and youth. Entering mercantile life at Mount Salen, New Jersey, he continued in business there until he came to Iowa in November, 1871. At that date he came west, settling at Ainsworth, where he has since resided. Here he entered merchandising, carrying a general stock, and in the conduct of his business he met with gratifying success. He continued in that line for thirteen years, or until 1884, when he ceased to deal in general merchandise and concentrated his attention upon the hardware business. Some years later he took up the grain and lumber



business, in which he continued until six years ago, when he disposed of his lumber interests. He is still, however, connected with the grain business, which is operated under the name of the Wickham Grain Company, the partners being T. Y. Wickham and his two sons. The firm has conducted an extensive grain trade, being advantageously situated in the midst of a very rich farming country. They have two elevators and their shipments are very large. T. Y. Wickham was also one of the stockholders in the Bank of Ainsworth at one time, is the owner of considerable real estate in the village, including a number of fine buildings, and likewise owns twenty-nine acres adjoining the corporation limits. He is a man of firm purpose and unfaltering determination who has ever carried forward to successful completion whatever he has undertaken. In all of his business interests, too, he is thoroughly reliable, his name being an honored one on commercial paper.

In 1865 Mr. Wickham was united in marriage to Miss Emeline Corwin, and unto them were born four children: Grace, now deceased; Emmett T., who is engaged in the general practice of medicine at Washington, Iowa; Harry H., who is a member of the Board of Trade at Chicago; and T. Y., a Philadelphia broker. The sons have met with creditable success since starting out in the business world and are widely known in business circles of the cities in which they reside.

In his political views Mr. Wickham has long been a stalwart advocate of the republican party. Both he and his wife are members of the Baptist church and enjoy the warm regard of all who know them because of their genuine personal worth, their generous hospitality and the kindly spirit which they manifest in all life's relations. Dependent upon his own resources from an early age Mr. Wickham has steadily worked his way upward and the secret of his success is found in close application, indefatigable energy and unfaltering diligence. Such a record may well serve to inspire and encourage others, showing what may be accomplished when one has the will to dare and to do.

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#### FRANK S. McGEE.

Frank S. McGee, who is now living retired on his farm of three hundred acres in Iowa township, was born in Colerain, Massachusetts, on the 20th of September, 1838, his parents being Deacon William B. and Orinda (Allen) McGee, both of whom were natives of Massachusetts. The father was of Scotch-Irish parentage, while the mother came of Puritan stock. The paternal great-grandfather of our subject, Deacon Thomas McGee, came to this country from Ulster, Ireland, settling in Colerain, Massachusetts, in 1742, when a young man of twenty-eight years. The family is a long-lived one, Deacon Thomas McGee attaining the age of seventy-nine years, while the paternal grandfather, Jonathan McGee, was ninety-eight years of age at the time of his demise. William B. McGee, the father of Frank S. McGee was most modest and retiring in disposition and when at one time he was

nominated for the legislature even his own family were not aware of the honor that had been conferred upon him. He lost the election by only one vote. He was ninety-four years of age at the time of his death, which occurred in the same house where he was born and where his entire life had been spent. His religious faith was indicated by his membership in the Congregational church. His wife had attained the age of ninety-two years when called to her final rest, and Mrs. Jane McGee, the grandmother of Frank S. McGee, lived to be ninety-seven years of age.

Frank S. McGee was reared under the parental roof and supplemented his preliminary education, obtained in the public schools, by a course at Shelburne Falls Academy. In 1864 he made his way to Davenport, Iowa, and was there engaged in the mercantile business until 1868, when he transferred his operations to Rock Island, Illinois. Later, though still maintaining his residence in Rock Island, he was engaged in the wholesale notion business in Chicago for six or seven years. In 1879, at the time of the Leadville boom, he went to Colorado, where he conducted a wholesale business and forwarded goods from Canon City to Leadville. At the end of two years, however, he removed to Iowa City, Iowa, with the interests of which town he has since been prominently identified. He is the vice president of the Hummer Mercantile Company at that place, was stockholder in and manager of a glove factory there for a year and was also connected with the business interests of Cedar Rapids as a partner in the firm of McGee & Kaupke, now Frick & Kaupke, wholesale dealers in coffee and spices. He was a director of the Iowa City National Bank for some years and served as councilman of Iowa City for one term. He also conducted an extensive cattle ranch in Kansas for two years, but is now living retired on his fine farm of three hundred acres in Iowa township, enjoying in well earned ease the fruits of his former toil. A man of excellent executive ability and keen discrimination, he won a creditable and gratifying measure of prosperity in his various undertakings and is widely recognized as one of the substantial, progressive and representative citizens of this section of the state.

On the 15th of March, 1866, Mr. McGee was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Eames, a daughter of Charles Eames, who was a native of New Hampshire. The father made the journey westward by lake and river to the Galena lead mines in 1828, walking from Fort Dearborn to Galena, where he followed merchandising. He likewise served as justice of the peace and as the second sheriff of Rock Island county, Illinois. He and his brother George were active participants in the Black Hawk war, his brother being shot while going to the defense of a blockhouse near Galena in Jo Daviess county. In 1836 Charles Eames wedded Miss Letitia McConnell and they established their home in Rock Island county. Unto Mr. and Mrs. McGee have been born the following children: Grace, who was graduated from the Iowa State University in 1890, is now the wife of Preston C. Coast, of Iowa City. Alice, who completed the course in the Iowa State University with the class of 1901, was also a student at Oberlin, Ohio, for two years. She is now the wife of the Rev. D. W. Wylie, a Presbyterian minister of Iowa City. John William Bolton McGee, who pursued the law course in the Iowa

State University, served as city clerk for some years and practiced law as a member of the firm of Letts & McGee, of Davenport, Iowa. At the present time, however, he is operating his father's farm in Iowa township, Washington county. As a companion and helpmate on the journey of life he chose Miss Edith McComber, of Carroll, Iowa, who was also graduated from the State University at Iowa City. Miss Marjorie Eames Coast, a granddaughter of Mr. McGee, has a Carnegie silver medal, awarded her for saving a life from drowning when she was but a little maiden of eleven years. She is now thirteen and a half years old. The members of the McGee family belong to the Presbyterian church, in the work of which they are actively and helpfully interested. Mr. McGee has led an active, useful and honorable life, and as one of the most venerable and most respected citizens of his community he well deserves mention in this volume.

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### SAMUEL CONNER.

On a Pennsylvania farm Samuel Conner was born and in a log schoolhouse was educated, while in 1844 he became a pioneer resident of Iowa. His history more in detail brings to light the following facts. His birthplace was in Mercer county, Pennsylvania, and his natal day, August 16, 1824. His parents were Peter and Amanda Maria (Wickup) Conner, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of England. After coming to America Peter Conner followed teaming in Pennsylvania, hauling iron ore to the furnaces of that state. He died in 1833, while his wife, who was a consistent member of the Methodist church, passed away in 1842. Their family numbered four sons and two daughters: Martin; Samuel; William; John and Sarah Jane, twins; and Mary Ann. Of these Samuel is the only one now living. William, who was a resident of Grove city, Pennsylvania, died May 26, 1909.

Samuel Conner was reared in the Keystone state upon a farm amid conditions such as are unknown at the present time. He conned his lessons while seated on a slab bench in a little log schoolhouse and when not busy with his text-books his time was largely given to the work of the fields, his training at farm labor being by no means meager. In the fall of 1844 he came to Iowa and settled in Washington, where he learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed for many years. He also did contract work for many years and in the summer of 1853 he devoted his attention to farming but in the autumn returned to the city and again took up work at his trade.

On the 31st of October, 1849, Mr. Conner was united in marriage to Miss Anna Mary McKinney and unto them were born four children: William C., the eldest, now living at Hinckley, Minnesota, where he is employed as a mail carrier; Robert A., who is engaged in railroading; Walter W., who is a grocer of Washington; and Sarah Isabel, who has passed away. The wife and mother died January 9, 1864, and on the 22d of March, 1866, Mr. Conner was again married, his second union being with Miss Nannie R. Savage, who died November 9, 1882. There were five children of that marriage:

Jennie M., who died in September, 1904; Minnie R., a teacher in the South Side public school in Washington; Henrietta, at home; and two who died in infancy.

Mr. Conner belongs to the Second United Presbyterian church. He has always given his political support to the republican party, is active in this work and for twelve years served as city assessor. For a long period he was closely associated through his building operations with the substantial improvement of Washington. He erected many of the best residences and buildings here and throughout the adjoining districts and worked on the old courthouse which was built in 1846. When he arrived in Washington it was a little village containing only thirty-seven dwellings. He has resided here continuously since 1844, save for the summer of 1847, and has seen the place grow to a population of about five thousand. He owns a good residence on West Jefferson street, where he has made his home for the past eighteen years. He now lives retired, having reached the age of eighty-four years. His life has been one of intense and well directed activity crowned with well merited success and the esteem and honor of his fellowmen, who have ever found him worthy of their high regard.

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#### HON. MARSHALL GOODSPEED.

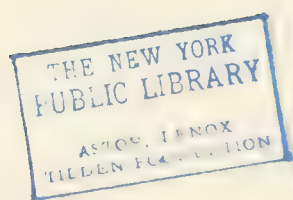
The public and private life of Marshall Goodspeed well entitles him to mention in this volume as one of the most representative and honored citizens of Washington county. From pioneer times he has figured prominently in this part of the state and his record has ever deserved and commanded for him the respect, good will and trust of those with whom he has been associated. He started upon the journey of life March 20, 1825, and has therefore reached the venerable age of eighty-four years. His birthplace was two and a half miles east of Olcott, Niagara county, New York, and he was the eldest son of Heman and Louisa (Albright) Goodspeed. He supplemented his early education acquired in the common schools of his native county by study in the Yates Academy, of New York, and after putting aside his text-books he learned the nursery business of Newell Farnum, while later he was employed as a clerk in the store of J. D. Cooper, at Olcott. For one term he engaged in teaching in the home school at thirteen dollars per month, after which he entered the employ of his grandfather, Jacob Albright, with whom he engaged to work for a year, his remuneration being one hundred and fifty dollars, although ten dollars per month the year around was common wages paid at that time. That he earned his salary there is no reason to doubt for he has always been a dilligent, energetic and industrious man in whose life there have been few leisure moments.

On the 21st of September, 1847, Mr. Goodspeed was married to Miss Cordelia Petty, near Lowville, Lewis county, New York. Two years later later he removed to La Salle, Illinois, where he located and engaged in teaching school for a year. Subsequently he took up his abode at Troy Grove,





MARSHALL GOODSPEED



Illinois, and engaged in the nursery business in partnership with Asa Dowling, a connection that was maintained for ten years. Mr. Goodspeed then sought a home in the middle west, settling near Lexington, in Washington county, Iowa, where he has since lived. He was numbered among the representative business men in this section of the state. He formed his plans readily, was determined in their execution and sought his success along the legitimate lines of trade. Here he resumed the nursery business, in which he continued for many years but gradually withdrew from active life as the infirmities of old age increased.

In 1906 Mr. Goodspeed was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who died on the 31st of July of that year. They were the parents of eleven children: Hersalora C., Leroy C., Weston A., Stella L., Thurston V., Alice L., Charles L., Cora M., Gladys B., Sylvia A., and Fred R. Six of these children are still living.

Mr. Goodspeed not only figured prominently in business circles but also made a most creditable record by his public service which carried him into important relations. For many years he served as justice of the peace and is yet acting in that capacity. His decisions have always been strictly fair and impartial, winning the commendation of all law abiding citizens. He has also served for several terms as county supervisor and during his last term in that office the railroad bonds of the county were paid off. In 1868 and again in 1872 he was elected a member of the state legislature and he likewise served during the adjourned session of 1873. Each question which came up for settlement received his earnest consideration and he was connected with much restrictive, regulative and constructive legislation. He introduced the bill that was passed abolishing capital punishment in 1872, also the bill separating the horticultural from the agricultural department and giving farmers a rebate of taxes for setting out and keeping in cultivation a certain number of trees. He is now in his eighty-fifth year, enjoying good health and yet able to do a fair day's work on the farm and is at peace with all the world. Over the record of his public career there falls no shadow of wrong and in his business affairs, too, he has ever been straightforward and reliable, meriting and enjoying the confidence and trust of all with whom he has had business relations. Since writing the above Mr. Goodspeed died suddenly in Colorado, August 17, 1909.

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#### JOSEPH P. BENZ.

Joseph P. Benz, proprietor of the Benz Hotel of Washington, is a native of this state, born November 24, 1879, and descends from a family, the members of which were among the early pioneers of this county. His paternal grandfather, Matthias Benz, was a native of Germany, where his death occurred at an advanced age, his wife Catherine, also dying in the fatherland after she had passed a long and useful career. In their family were five children, among whom were: George, Matthias, William and Lorenz. The maternal grandfather, Peter Tondre, was a native of France,

and while in Europe was in the government mail service. Upon coming to the new world he settled in Lockport, New York, where he worked on the Erie canal. In the meantime his father and mother removed to Iowa, settling in Washington county, on what was known as the old Braden farm in Washington township, and to this place Peter Tondre subsequently came and spent his remaining days, departing this life when thirty years old. His wife was Agnes Grazierarre, the grandmother of our subject, by whom he had three children, namely: Agnes; Peter; and Mary, who is deceased. Agnes Tondre became the wife of Lorenz Benz, a native of Germany, who came to the new world when fourteen years of age, making the journey alone, and upon his arrival settled in Davenport, this state, where he learned the butcher business, which he successfully followed for a number of years. Early in life he gave up this occupation and journeyed overland to California, where he engaged for a while in prospecting for gold, finally settling upon a ranch there, which he conducted for about three years. At the termination of that period he returned to Iowa, locating in Muscatine county, where he again engaged in the butchering business. He was among the early settlers of Washington and for several years was proprietor of a hotel on Marion avenue, where he later constructed a large brick building for the same purpose, the hostelry now being run by his son Joseph. Mr. Benz was proprietor of this hotel for thirty-two years. In April, 1907, he went to Los Angeles, California, with his wife, where he spent his last years and died February 25, 1909. His remains were brought back to Washington and and was buried in Elm Grove cemetery. His activities in Washington county were in great measure conducive to developing the natural resources of this part of the state and his excellent business judgment together with his enterprise and industry contributed largely to the prosperous financial standing enjoyed by the city of Washington today. Being a member of the Catholic church, to which his wife also belongs, and his conduct always having been in keeping with the teachings of his faith, he maintained his character above reproach and he had an enviable reputation throughout this part of the state, where he spent many years in honest and earnest effort in behalf of its up-building. He reared a family of five children, two of whom survive, namely: Miss Kate and Joseph P., the remaining ones having passed away in early life.

In this county Joseph P. Benz was reared, acquiring his preliminary education in the parochial schools, where he remained until fourteen years of age when he became a student at the University of Notre Dame, at South Bend, Indiana. After leaving that institution he learned telegraphy in the Western Union Telegraph office in the city of Washington and this occupation he followed for nine years. Upon resigning his position as telegrapher he became proprietor of the hotel formerly conducted by his father and of which he has been the successful proprietor for the past two years. The hostelry is well known throughout the state and the excellent service it renders has won it an extensive high class patronage.

On April 17, 1907, Mr. Benz wedded Miss Iona Shearer, a daughter of Wilda D. and Ida (Wallick) Shearer, her father a native of Brighton, this



county, while her mother was born in Findlay, Ohio. Mr. Shearer has spent the greater part of his life in Washington county, and since 1890 has lived in the village of Washington, where for the past eighteen years he has been employed as agent for the United States Express Company. Mrs. Benz was born in Perlee, this state, January 22, 1883, and her paternal grandfather was Martin Shearer. Her maternal grandfather, John Wallick, of German descent and a native of Pennsylvania, was an extensive stock buyer. Both he and his wife passed away in middle life, leaving the following children: Ida Mary, William, James and Nannie. One child died in infancy. Mrs. Benz is one of the following children: Fannie, the wife of Otto Stichter; Everitte; Clara, who passed away in her fifteenth year; and Frank.

Mr. Benz is a member of the Catholic church, while his wife attends divine services at the Presbyterian church, both being liberal contributors to their respective denominations. Politically he is a democrat, always loyal to the candidates of his party, and, being a man of remarkable energy, whose industry and enterprise in the vocation he is following contribute largely to the financial and commercial standing of the city, he deserves mention among its substantial and representative citizens.

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### CHARLES W. STEWART.

Charles W. Stewart, a prominent and well known farmer and stock-raiser of Cedar township, was born in an old log cabin that stood on the site now occupied by the Elm Grove cemetery in Washington county, Iowa, his natal day being November 27, 1866. His parents were John G. and Mary L. (Bradford) Stewart. The father, whose birth occurred in Maryland, December 28, 1842, came to Iowa in 1844, locating in Seventy-Six township, Washington county, where he lived for two years on a tract of land which he had entered from the government. On disposing of the property he bought some land that is now included in Washington township, adjoining the city of Washington, on which he remained for several years and subsequently purchased what was known as the Clemmons Grove farm in Franklin township, which he cultivated for twenty-one years. He was quite prominent in public affairs, serving as county treasurer for a period of four years, from 1894 to 1898, as school director for twelve years and as assessor for nine years. He was also a member of the County Fair Association for a number of years and was widely recognized as a most substantial, progressive and public-spirited citizen of the county. His demise, which occurred November 12, 1907, came not only as a deep bereavement to the members of his immediate family but also to the many friends that his upright, honorable dealings had won him. His wife, whose birth occurred in Switzerland county, Indiana, December 22, 1844, was one of a family of four children and in 1846 was brought to Iowa by her parents, who lived to attain the venerable age of eighty-five years. She was called to her final rest on the

7th of December, 1901. By her marriage to John G. Stewart she became the mother of two children, namely: Charles W., of this review; and Mary Corinne, the wife of R. G. Cherry, of Wellman, Iowa.

Charles W. Stewart supplemented his preliminary education by a college course and remained at home until he had attained the age of twenty-two years. During the succeeding four years he followed farming in Arkansas and on returning to this county he was engaged in agricultural pursuits on a farm south of Washington for ten years. On disposing of that property he purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land on sections 18 and 19, Cedar township, where he has since resided, the place being known as the Cedardale Farm. He makes a specialty of raising Galloway cattle and Suffolk and Belgium horses for breeding purposes, having a number of fine specimens always on hand for sale. He is a good business man, sagacious and far-sighted, and through the careful direction of his efforts is meeting with gratifying success in both his farming and stock-raising interests.

On the 11th of February, 1897, Mr. Stewart was united in marriage to Miss Bessie Wagner, whose birth occurred in Washington county, December 19, 1877, her parents being Knight and Rosie E. (Caldwell) Wagner, the former a native of Perry county, Pennsylvania, and the latter of Greene county, Ohio. The father, who was born November 12, 1845, first made his way to Illinois but subsequently came to this county, both he and his wife still making their home in Marion township. Their family numbered the following children, as follows: Mrs. Stewart; Fred, a resident of Washington county; Howard and Lester, both at home; Eveline, the wife of Roy Davison, of this county; Gertrude M., also at home; and one who died in infancy. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Stewart have been born three children: Ella R., whose natal day was November 24, 1899; Nellie Marie, whose birth occurred July 8, 1905; and Lavera L., born September 21, 1907.

In his political views Mr. Stewart is a republican and is at present serving as a member of the school board. Fraternally he is connected with the Knights of Pythias Lodge, No. 386, and also with the American Yeomen. Both he and his wife are faithful and devoted members of the Methodist Episcopal church and their many excellent traits of heart and mind endear them to all with whom they come in contact. Mr. Stewart is a native son of the county and a worthy representative of one of its pioneer families. His interest in public affairs is deep and sincere and is manifest in substantial cooperation which he has given to plans and measures for the public good.

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#### FRANK HUBER.

Frank Huber, well known as a farmer and stock-raiser of Seventy-Six township, is carefully managing his business affairs in a way that is bringing to him a gratifying financial return. He is today one of the extensive land-owners of the county, his holdings comprising five hundred and sixty acres, all lying in Seventy-Six township. In the midst of this farm is a fine resi-

dence together with all of the necessary improvements, accessories and the equipments which go to make up a model farm of the twentieth century. His birth occurred in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, February 14, 1847, his parents being Abraham and Prudence (Snively) Huber, both of whom were also born and reared in Lancaster county. They retained their residence there until 1855, when they sought a home in the middle west, settling in Washington county, Iowa, where they lived until called to their final rest. The father died April 7, 1895, while the mother survived until March, 1904. They were the parents of three children, of whom one died in infancy. The others are Frank and Aaron, the latter a resident of Cedar township, this county.

As a farm boy Frank Huber was reared, coming with his parents to Iowa when eight years of age. He entered the district schools in his home neighborhood, dividing his time between the duties of the schoolroom, the pleasures of the playground and the work of the home farm. From early boyhood he assisted in the labors of field and meadow, his duties and responsibilities increasing as the years went by. On attaining his majority he left home and went by wagon train to California in 1868, it requiring five months to make the long and arduous trip across the plains, the hot stretches of sand in the desert and over the mountain passes. In California he first found employment as a hired man on a ranch and later he worked in the gold mines for a time, spending four years on the Pacific coast. On the expiration of that period he returned to Washington county, Iowa, and rented his father's farm, which he cultivated for two years. He afterward bought eighty acres in Cedar township, and lived upon that farm for five years. When he sold that property he invested in a tract of land in Seventy-Six township, whereon he made his home for seven years. He then sold again and bought a farm in Cedar township, which he made his home for six years. Having disposed of this, he made investment in his present farm and is today the owner of five hundred and sixty acres of valuable land, all lying in Seventy-Six township. It is a splendidly improved property, everything about the place indicating the thrift and enterprise of the owner, who is not only diligent and active in business but displays sound judgment and keen discrimination in the management of his affairs. He has a fine residence and all modern improvements, including the latest machinery to facilitate the work of the fields. His barns and sheds furnish ample shelter for grain and stock and his home is one of the beautiful dwellings in this part of the county. He makes a specialty of raising and feeding hogs and this branch of his business brings to him a good annual income.

In 1872 Mr. Huber was married to Miss Sarah Brawner, who was born in Washington county, Iowa, in 1852, and is a daughter of Eli and Mary Ann (Alexander) Brawner, who were natives of Coshocton county, Ohio, and at an early date came to Washington county, Iowa, casting in their lot with its early settlers. They continued residents of this county until called to their final rest. The father died in January, 1904, while the mother passed away in the early '60s. Their family numbered ten children. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Huber has been blessed with eight children: Cyrus O., living

in Seventy-Six township; Olive M., the wife of John McCrabb, of Washington county; Harry E. and Otha E., who are living in Seventy-Six township; Ira E., at home; Grace Prudence, the wife of Henry Durian, living in Wellman, Iowa; and Mary E. and Roy Erwin, both at home.

The parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and their lives are in close conformity with their professions. Mr Huber is a republican in his political views, but has had neither time nor inclination to seek public office, giving his undivided attention to his business affairs, which are capably conducted and have brought him to a place among the men of prominence in the county. His record shows what can be accomplished by earnest and persistent spirit when guided by sound judgment and supplemented by unfailing energy. All that he has accomplished is the reward of his earnest and persistent labor, and he is now numbered among the substantial residents of this part of the state.

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### JOHN H. PEARSON.

John H. Pearson is pre-eminently a man of affairs and one who has wielded a wide influence in business circles. In all that he undertakes he displays an aptitude for successful management and his energy, perseverance and enterprise have carried him into important relations with commercial, industrial and agricultural interests. He is now the owner of valuable farming property and of a splendidly equipped printing establishment.

Mr. Pearson was born near Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, March 31, 1849, and is a son of Jesse and Mary (Frew) Pearson. The Pearsons are of an old New England family of English origin and the first representative of the name settled in Massachusetts two hundred years ago. The father's birth occurred in the same house in which John H. Pearson first opened his eyes to the light of day and although it was then situated outside the corporation limits of Pittsburg, it is now a part of the city. In April, 1855, Jesse Pearson arrived in Iowa, making the journey by steamboat. He first located in Jackson county, where he remained for a year and a half and then on the 15th of September, 1856, located on a farm southwest of Ainsworth in Washington county. With characteristic energy he began the development of the fields, plowed, planted and cultivated his land and year after year gathered abundant harvests as he carried on his farm work, remaining on the old homestead until about ten years prior to his death. He then removed to Ainsworth, where his last days were passed, his demise occurring in October, 1905, at which time his remains were laid to rest in the Ainsworth cemetery. In his business affairs he had always been regarded as a reliable, substantial man whose integrity was above question. He had been reared in the faith of the republican party but later became a democrat. An earnest Christian gentleman, he held membership in the Presbyterian church until about six years prior to his demise, when he joined the Methodist church. He took a great interest in church work, gave liberally of his means to the



support of the cause of Christianity and did all in his power to further its influence. His wife was also born in the vicinity of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and was of Scotch-Irish descent. Her death occurred about 1899. In their family were seven children: John H., of this review; Mary, the wife of J. B. McCoy, of Crawfordsville; William, who died at the age of nine years; Calvin S., a farmer of Oregon township; Charles, who died when two years of age; one who died in infancy; and Emma, the wife of David Miller, a farmer living near Washington, Iowa.

John H. Pearson was educated in the common schools and in the Ainsworth high school, in which he spent one term. He had been trained to habits of industry, thrift and enterprise during the period of his boyhood and after he put aside his text-books he started a seed and fruit farm about two and a half miles southwest of Ainsworth. There he remained for ten years, winning success through the careful conduct of his business affairs, after which he turned his attention to journalistic interests by establishing the Ainsworth Clapper on his farm with an outfit which he possessed. After seven years he removed the paper to Ainsworth and has made it one of the leading country newspapers of this part of the state and has a splendidly equipped office, including a fine linotype machine of the latest model and all modern appliances for the careful and successful conduct of a newspaper business at the present time. The paper has secured a large circulation list and he also does considerable job printing. In addition to his journalistic interests Mr. Pearson is the owner of a valuable farm of three hundred and twenty acres under a high state of cultivation. He likewise has many other substantial investments which return to him a most gratifying income. No higher testimonial of the confidence and trust reposed in him could be given than the fact that he has been chosen guardian for twenty-three children. He transacts a large amount of business for others and also conducts a real-estate and collection agency and an abstract business. He likewise does considerable legal work, and while thus controlling extensive business affairs, at the same time he takes an active and helpful part in measures relative to the welfare of town and county as a public-spirited and progressive citizen.

On the 29th of December, 1871, Mr. Pearson was married to Miss Nancy Ellen Utterback. Her mother bore the maiden name of Bryan and was a relative of W. J. Bryan. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Pearson have been born seven children: Charles, who has passed away; Mary, the wife of J. S. Hartwick, of Davenport, Iowa, who is head bookkeeper for the Roth-child Grain Company; William and Emma, who have passed away; John Harry, who married Miss Quince Hartwick and is living on the home farm; Madge, who is with her parents; and one who died in infancy.

In his political affiliation Mr. Pearson is a democrat and in 1887 was appointed under President Cleveland to the office of postmaster but was relieved when President McKinley was elected. He is now mayor of Ainsworth and to the discharge of his duties brings the same spirit of enterprise which characterizes his private business affairs. He seeks the good of the community through restrictive and constructive legislation and favors every movement that tends to benefit the community. He is a member of Orient

Lodge, No. 365, A. F. & A. M., and his religious faith is indicated in his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. In every relation of life he has put forth persistent effort that has resulted in the attainment of his purpose and he stands today among those whose successful leadership in business affairs well entitles him to be numbered among the captains of industry.

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### FINLEY E. RICKEY.

A little log cabin on section 33, Lime Creek township—one of the pioneer homes of the county—was the birthplace of Finley E. Rickey. Today he looks abroad over two hundred and ten acres of rich land on the same section that is now his own property, for in the passing years he has become one of the prosperous and enterprising agriculturists of this part of the state, widely known in connection with his live-stock interests as well as through his development of the fields. His natal day was March 2, 1864, his parents being William and Mary (Parker) Rickey. The father's birth occurred in Pickaway county, Ohio, in 1835, while the mother was born in the state of Iowa. Removing westward he took up his abode in Washington county and lived here until his death, purchasing and improving the farm upon which Finley E. Rickey now makes his home. He served as a soldier in the Civil war and was a loyal advocate of the Union cause, doing everything in his power to uphold the old flag as the standard of a united nation. His political allegiance was given to the republican party and he always took an active interest in politics, but did not seek or desire office. He preferred to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs and his careful management brought him a gratifying measure of success so that at the time of his death he owned three hundred and sixty and one-half acres in Lime Creek township. He departed this life March 14, 1888, and for about two years his widow survived, her death occurring October 23, 1890. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. William Rickey there were eight children: Finley E., of this review; M. L., now deceased; Irva D., the wife of J. E. Adams, of this county; Charles, also living in this county; Rose M., the wife of D. A. Maloney, of Colorado; Ida O., living in Denver, Colorado; Winfield S., of this county; and one who died in infancy.

Reared as a farm boy, Finley E. Rickey remained at home up to the time of his marriage. The lady of his choice was Miss Sadie E. Hampsher, who was born in Huntington county, Pennsylvania, July 18, 1870, and was a daughter of Samuel and Anna (Thompson) Hampsher, who were also natives of the Keystone state, the father's birth occurring April 20, 1844, while the mother first opened her eyes to the light of day on the 12th of May, 1850. She passed away June 9, 1905, and the death of Mr. Hampsher occurred on the 1st of June, 1907. Their family numbered six children: John L., living in Kalona, this county; Mrs. Rickey; Alta C. R., who is engaged in teaching school and makes her home with her sister; and three who are now deceased.



MR. AND MRS. F. E. RICKY

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Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Rickey began their domestic life upon a rented farm which they occupied for a year, at the end of which time he purchased the old homestead, where he had first opened his eyes to the light of day. His landed possessions now cover two hundred and ten and one-half acres on section 33, Lime Creek township, and he is numbered among the leading and progressive agriculturists, making a specialty of the raising and feeding of cattle and hogs. His work in this connection is of an important character and his business is constantly growing, bringing to him well merited and substantial success. As the years have passed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rickey has been blessed with four children, but the first and the third died in infancy. Vesa Ruth, born February 12, 1892, is now a student in the academy at Washington, Iowa. Thomas E., the youngest, was born July 10, 1905.

The parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and shape their lives in accordance with its teachings. Mr. Rickey votes with the republican party and, while not a politician in the sense of office seeking nor has he ever desired political preferment, he has served as school director for about twenty years. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias lodge at Wellman and has the warm regard of his brethren of that fraternity. He has lived to see many changes in the county for in this day the log cabins are few, most of the farm homes being commodious and at times even palatial residences. No longer is the countryside covered with the native prairie grasses, but in rich fields responds to the care and cultivation of the farmer, who annually harvests good crops of corn, wheat and other cereals or meets with equal success in the raising of stock. Through the wise use of his opportunities Mr. Rickey has made steady progress and is now the owner of a valuable property, which forty-five years ago surrounded a little pioneer cabin in which he first opened his eyes to the light of day.

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#### MRS. RACHEL FRITS.

Mrs. Rachel Frits is widely known in Lime Creek township, where she has long resided. She is the widow of Frank Frits, who for a considerable period was actively and successfully connected with agricultural interests here. He was born near Dubuque, Iowa, September 19, 1853, and was a son of George and Esther (Merchant) Frits, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. Attracted by the broadening opportunities of the middle west, they came to Iowa in the early '40s and after living for some time in Dubuque removed to Washington county, in 1858, at which time they located upon a farm in Cedar township. There they resided until called to their final rest, Mr. Frits giving his time and attention to general agricultural pursuits. His business interests were well conducted and he was numbered among the representative men of the county. **In their family were nine children.**

This number included Frank Frits, who spent his entire life in Iowa. He pursued his education in the common schools, living throughout the days of

his boyhood and youth with his parents. After attaining his majority he started out in life on his own account, choosing the occupation to which he had been reared as his life work. His diligence and energy constituted the foundation upon which he builded his success and at the time of his death he owned eighty-four acres of rich land on section 30, Lime Creek township, known as the Sunnyside Fruit farm. He gave considerable attention to the cultivation of fruit and he was also known as the most extensive raiser of hogs in this county, always keeping stock of high grades. The various branches of his business all proved sources of profit, making him one of the substantial farmers of the county as the years passed by.

Mr. Frits was united in marriage in 1891 to Miss Rachel Curl, who was born in Peoria county, Illinois, August 21, 1863, a daughter of R. H. and Emeline (Anderson) Curl, both of whom were natives of Greene county, Pennsylvania. On coming to the middle west they first settled in Illinois, purchasing a farm in Peoria county. There they resided until 1880, when they sold that property and removed to Washington county, Iowa. Here Mr. Curl purchased land and with characteristic energy began its further development, continuing its cultivation until 1891. In that year he again sold out and removed to Clarke county, Iowa, where he died August 3, 1900. His widow is still living at the advanced age of eighty-nine years and makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Frits, who is the youngest in a family of eleven children. By her marriage she became the mother of three children: Charles R., who was born December 2, 1891; Francis M., born May 13, 1900; and John Franklin, born December 16, 1903. All are at home with the mother.

The husband and father, however, was called to his final rest on the 26th of December, 1908, and his remains were interred in the Taylor cemetery. In his political views he had been an earnest republican, never faltering in his allegiance to the party. He served as trustee of his township and as a member of the school board for several years, discharging his public duties in a most prompt and capable manner. His life was at all times honorable and upright and gained for him the sincere and continued regard of those with whom he was associated. Mrs. Frits still runs the farm which was left to her by her husband and gives to it her personal supervision, manifesting excellent business ability in its control. She is, moreover, possessed of many of those sterling womanly qualities which everywhere command respect and win regard, and she has an extensive circle of warm friends in this part of the county.

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### SAMUEL ADDISON WHITE.

Samuel Addison White, president of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank, of Washington, has for forty-two years been a resident of this county and an interested witness of the changes which time and man have wrought. His own labors have been no inessential element in the work of general

improvement and advancement. Pennsylvania numbers him among its native sons, his birth having occurred in Lawrence county, March 14, 1840.

His parents were Allen and Martha (Aiken) White, also natives of the Keystone state. The former was a son of Samuel White, who was likewise born in Pennsylvania, where he gave his early life to the stone mason's trade and later devoted his energies to general farming. He served his country as a soldier in the war of 1812 and died on the old home farm in Pennsylvania in 1844. He had wedded Sarah Harvey in early manhood and they became the parents of nine sons and one daughter, which number included Allen White, whose youthful days were passed on the farm on which his grandfather had settled many years before. Having arrived at years of maturity he wedded Martha Aiken, a daughter of Alexander and Mary (Henry) Aiken, both of whom lived to an advanced age. They, too, were natives of Pennsylvania and Alexander Aiken followed farming as a source of livelihood, the only interruption to his agricultural efforts coming when he served his country as a soldier of the war of 1812. Both he and his wife lived to an advanced age, Mrs. Aiken surviving her husband for a time. They had several sons and daughters, including William, Alexander, Robert, Albert, James, Sarah, Jane, Martha and Mary.

Of that family Martha Aiken became the wife of Allen White and their marriage was blessed with the following children: Mrs. Sarah McClymonds, deceased; Mary Jane, widow of J. C. Weller; Emma, the wife of Robert Mahard, of New Wilmington, Pennsylvania; Samuel A.; Martha, the deceased wife of T. J. Hyde; Myra, a resident of Elwood City, Pennsylvania; Annie, the widow of J. V. McClymonds; Zerelda, the wife of John Magee, of Pleasant Hill, Pennsylvania; and Dorothy, the wife of James Hyde. The father devoted his entire life to general agricultural pursuits and reared his children on the old White farm which was the ancestral home of the family and still owned by some of them. He died in Lawrence county, Pennsylvania, in 1883 at the age of seventy-three years, while his wife passed away in 1890 at the age of seventy-seven years. Their lives were in consistent harmony with their professions as members of the United Presbyterian church.

Samuel A. White spent his youthful days on the farm in Lawrence county, Pennsylvania, and in 1861 when twenty-one years of age responded to the country's call for troops, enlisting in Company C, One Hundredth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry—an organization originally called the "Roundheads." He served for nearly four years as a private and non-commissioned officer. He was wounded at the battle of Spottsylvania Court House, May 12, 1864, and in addition to that engagement he participated in the second battle of Bull Run and in the battles of South Mountain, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Vicksburg and Jackson. He was also in the siege of Knoxville, Tennessee. His regiment belonged to the Ninth Army Corps under General Burnside. In December, 1863, Mr. White reenlisted and his regiment was again attached to the Army of the Potomac. His military experience was a varied one, his first service being with the Sherman and Dupont expedition to South Carolina in 1861, at which time Fort Walker was

captured. An effort was also made to capture Charleston by way of James Island, but after much hard fighting and heavy loss was abandoned and the island evacuated. Mr. White also participated in many skirmishes and was a brave and loyal soldier, always found at his post of duty. After being discharged from the hospital he was placed on detached duty in Washington, D. C., as clerk for the general court marshal, and was near when President Lincoln was assassinated. He saw the body as it lay in state in the White House and was present at the funeral. He was also present at the grand review in the capital city and was discharged from the service on the 25th of July, 1865.

When the war was over Mr. White returned home and supplemented his early education by a course in the Iron City Commercial College at Pittsburg, from which he graduated in February, 1866. He then remained upon the home farm for a time and was also employed in the oil works of that section of the state, but the opportunities of the growing west attracted him and in 1867 he made his way to Iowa, locating at Ainsworth, Washington county, where he engaged in merchandising for fourteen years in partnership with Absalom Anderson. They also handled stock and grain and their business interests constantly increased in volume and importance.

Mr. White's well known capabilities led to his selection for official services, he being elected clerk of the district and circuit courts in 1880, filling the position for four years. Later he became cashier of the First National Bank, in which capacity he served for seventeen years. He next helped to organize the Farmers & Merchants State Bank in 1902 and was its cashier until 1907, when he was elected to the presidency and remained as the chief officer of the institution, bending his energies to administrative direction and executive control.

On the 3d of November, 1870, Mr. White was married to Miss Elizabeth A. McClelland, a daughter of Dr. William and Clarissa (Christy) McClelland. Mrs. White was born in Butler county, Pennsylvania, and her parents were likewise natives of that state. Her father came to Iowa in 1846 and for three years practiced medicine here, after which he returned to Pennsylvania in 1849 and continued a resident of that state until 1855. In the latter year he again came to Iowa, settling in Washington county, where he passed away in his eighty-ninth year. After losing his first wife he married Susan Spence, of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, who survives him and lives in Washington.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. White have been born three children: William Allen, Martha Clarissa and Maggie Pearl. The first named, who is assistant cashier of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank, was graduated from the law department of the Iowa City University and practiced his profession for a time. He was a member of Company D, Fiftieth Regiment Iowa Volunteers, Spanish-American war. He married Miss Etta B. Stouffer. Martha C. is the wife of Owen G. Wilson, a resident of Des Moines, and they have two sons, Owen G. and Addison White Wilson. The younger daughter, Maggie Pearl, died at the age of one year and a half.



The parents are members of the First United Presbyterian church and are prominent socially, the hospitality of the best homes being cordially extended them. Mr. White belongs to I. G. White Post, No. 108, G. A. R., of which he is a past commander. He also served about seven years as lieutenant and captain of Company D, Second Regiment Iowa National Guard. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he was school treasurer for a number of terms, but otherwise has never held nor desired public office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon the conduct of the important business affairs which have claimed his time and attention. Throughout his business career he has made steady progress. The mass of men seem content to remain in the position in which they are placed by birth, experience or environment. Laudable ambition, ready adaptability and a capacity for hard work are essential elements of success, and in none of these requirements is Mr. White lacking. It is not a matter of marvel, therefore, that he occupies a leading position among the business men of Washington who have been the promoters of her progress and development. The position and the success to which he has attained are due also to the fact that he has the ability to correctly appraise the value of a situation and determine its possible outcome.

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#### AARON HUBER.

Aaron Huber, owning and operating a well improved and highly cultivated farm of three hundred and twenty acres on sections 15 and 16, Cedar township, was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, June 2, 1850, his parents being Abraham and Prudence (Snively) Huber, who were likewise natives of the Keystone state. In 1854 they came to Washington county, Iowa, first locating south of Washington, while in 1856 the father purchased the farm which is now the home of our subject, there continuing to reside until called to his final rest in 1899. His wife, surviving him for four years, passed away in 1903. Unto this worthy couple were born three children, namely: Frank, a resident of Washington county; Aaron, of this review; and one who died in infancy.

In his youthful days Aaron Huber obtained such education as the common schools afforded and remained under the parental roof until he reached his majority. He was then engaged in the operation of a rented farm for two years, at the end of which time he purchased forty acres of the old homestead place. As time passed and his financial resources increased he gradually added to his landed holdings until he now owns three hundred and twenty acres on sections 15 and 16, Cedar township, which farm has continued his place of residence to the present time. In addition to cultivating the cereals best adapted to soil and climate he makes a specialty of raising and feeding hogs and in both branches of his business has won a measure of success that entitles him to recognition among the prosperous, enterprising and up-to-date agriculturists of the county.

In 1873 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Huber and Miss Mary Logue, who was a native of Pennsylvania and is now deceased. She was a daughter of John and Susanna Logue, who reared a family of eight children and are both deceased. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Huber were born seven children, as follows: Clara B., at home; Jessie P., the wife of Harry Crone, of Washington county; John A., who is a resident of Cedar township; H. L., also at home; Martha, who has passed away; one who died in infancy; and D. A., also yet at home.

Politically Mr. Huber is a staunch republican and has capably served his fellow townsmen in the position of township trustee, while for thirty years he was a member of the school board. The spirit of enterprise which has been the dominant factor in the upbuilding of the middle west is manifest in his life and has made him a substantial and representative citizen of Washington county, where he has now made his home for more than a half century. His name is honored by reason of the straightforward methods he has followed, while his personal characteristics—geniality, cordiality and good will—have made him popular with those who know him.

#### C. L. ROMINE.

The farming interests of Seventy-Six township find a worthy representative in C. L. Romine, who now owns, occupies and operates a farm of two hundred and sixty-two acres on sections 23 and 24. In its neat and thrifty appearance the farm indicates the careful management and enterprising spirit of the owner. A native of Illinois, Mr. Romine was born in Fulton county on the 10th of June, 1850, and is a son of Levi and Elizabeth Romine. His youthful days were spent in his father's home, and under his direction he was trained to the work of the fields. His education was received in the common schools, and lessons of industry, perseverance and integrity were early impressed upon his mind. He continued to assist his father until he attained his majority, after which he started out in life on his own account, working as a farm hand for five years.

Desiring, however, that his labors should more directly benefit himself Mr. Romine then began renting land and thus farmed for a few years, during which time he carefully saved his earnings until his economy and industry had brought him sufficient capital to enable him to purchase property. He first bought a farm in Seventy-Six township, which he later sold, and subsequently he purchased the farm upon which he now resides, comprising two hundred and sixty-two acres of rich and productive land on sections 23 and 24, Seventy-Six township. Here he tills the soil in the production of crops best adapted to the conditions here found and not only raises profitable crops but is also meeting with prosperity as a dealer in hogs and cattle. His work is ever intelligently directed and his unflinching industry constitutes a splendid basis upon which to build success.

On the 8th of May, 1877, Mr. Romine was married to Miss Hortense Cullumber, who was born in Ohio in 1857 and is a daughter of William and Louise (Fleming) Cullumber. Her parents are both now deceased. Mrs. Romine, who was one of a family of five children, has become the mother of two daughters and one son, Cora May, now the wife of Clark Bell, a resident of Seventy-Six township; Elsie, the wife of John Powell, of the same township; and Arthur, who also makes his home in Seventy-Six township.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Romine has given stalwart support to the republican party and its principles. He has served as township trustee and has been school director and treasurer, serving in that capacity until the new law came into effect. He has done good work for the cause of public education, for he believes in the employment of competent teachers and the maintenance of thorough schools. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and because of their many sterling qualities the hospitality of the best homes is freely accorded them. Mr. Romine belongs to that class of citizens who are termed self-made men, as his own labors have constituted the foundation of his success. He has worked diligently and persistently as the years have gone by, recognizing the fact that there is no royal road to success and also fully understanding that persistency of purpose and unfaltering diligence will win out in the end.

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#### W. F. FLEMING.

Among the citizens whom the Keystone state has furnished to Iowa is W. F. Fleming, who was born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and who is now successfully pursuing farming and stock raising in Washington township, this county. His parents were Samuel and Nancy (Fulton) Fleming, both natives of Pennsylvania, where they were reared and married. The family came to this state in 1864, settling upon land in Washington county, where the father devoted his energies to cultivating the soil until he departed this life in 1880, being laid to rest in Elm Grove cemetery. In his native state he won the reputation of being an efficient educator, having taught school there for a number of years but, upon coming to this state, he gave up the vocation and turned his time and talents to farming. He was a stanch supporter of the principles of the republican party, to which he had given much study and in which he was thoroughly conversant and few men in his day were able to cope with him in debate upon political and economical questions. A man of lofty religious ideals, he was a member of the United Presbyterian church, of which body he was an elder and, his daily life being in close touch with the teachings of Christianity, he well deserved the high measure of respect in which he was held by his neighbors. The mother of our subject still resides in this county at the age of seventy-eight years. She reared a family of five children: R. J., an undertaker of Colorado Springs, Colorado; Sarah J., wife of J. W. McClellan, an attorney-at-law or Ver-

sailles, Missouri; W. F.; George, an agriculturist and stock dealer of Newton, this state; and Alfred H., who passed away in 1905.

The common schools of this county afforded W. F. Fleming his educational advantages and he remained at home engaged with his father in the pursuit of agriculture until he was twenty-nine years of age, at which period of his life he took up farming independently and has since been devoting his attention to general farming and stock raising. He and his wife own three hundred and twenty acres of land in Washington township on section 16, the farm being provided with a magnificent residence erected by Mr. Fleming in 1903. It is also equipped with a substantial barn, outbuildings and all conveniences necessary to the pursuit of agriculture. He is one of the most progressive farmers in the neighborhood and is also a buyer, feeder and shipper of stock.

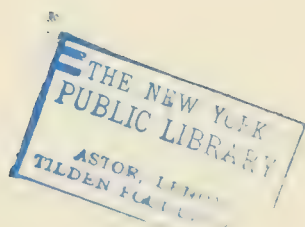
In 1892 occurred the marriage of Mr. Fleming and Miss Flora Glenn, whose people have long been residents of this county. She departed this life in 1897, leaving her husband and one daughter, Flora. In 1901 Mr. Fleming wedded Miss Anna Maxwell, a native of this county and a daughter of Thomas and Sarah J. (Miller) Maxwell, who came to Iowa from Ohio in 1847. By his second marriage Mr. Fleming had three children, two of whom passed away in infancy, the surviving one being Anna Mabelle, who was born July 4, 1905. Politically Mr. Fleming is a republican, always loyal to the candidates of his party, and he is a member of the United Presbyterian church, to which his wife also belongs, and he has always enjoyed the esteem of his fellow citizens.

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### JOHN W. EDWARDS.

John W. Edwards, a retired agriculturist of Brighton township, whose busy life for many years devoted to tilling the soil has enabled him to accumulate that competence which now justifies him in withdrawing from the activities of life, is one of the most highly respected and esteemed citizens of his community, and during his business career was considered one of the most industrious and prosperous farmers of Brighton township. His birth occurred in Bartholomew county, Indiana, July 2, 1847, and he is a son of Jesse K. and Nancy (Neusoma) Edwards. His father was born in Kentucky in the same county in which occurred the birth of Abraham Lincoln and when nine years of age, or in 1855, came to Washington county, Iowa, first locating on a farm three miles and a half from the village of Brighton, where he remained for about nine years. He then purchased the tract of land now under cultivation by his son, John W. Edwards, the property line being immediately outside of the village limits. Here he resided until death terminated his activities in 1908. All his life was devoted to tilling the soil with the exception of twelve years which he spent in the livery business in Brighton. The mother of our subject was born, reared and married in Indiana, and upon departing this life April 6, 1853, was laid to rest in her



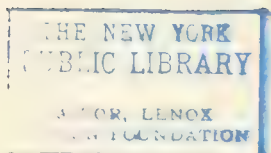




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native state. She had two children, John W.; and James T., who follows farming in Radisson, Sawyer county, Wisconsin.

John W. Edwards was reared to agricultural pursuits, passing through the usual experiences common to the country lad, and during the winter months he obtained his education in the Brighton schools. He remained under the parental roof until the death of his father, when he assumed the entire management of the farm, which he operated until the time of his retirement. His property includes two hundred and twenty-two acres lying immediately to the north of the village of Brighton, and the farm is provided with every improvement, all the work of preparing the land for cultivation having been done by Mr. Edwards and his father. It is as fine a piece of soil for raising general crops as exists in the township.

In 1887 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Edwards to Miss Abbie Draper, a resident of Clay township, and this union has been blessed by three children: Nellie, the wife of S. Hagans, whose farm lies in Jefferson county just across the Brighton township line; Florence, who resides at home; and Edwin, deceased. Mrs. Edwards' father was born in England in 1834 and was only nine years of age when he came to this country. On reaching manhood he was married in New York, Mrs. Edwards' mother being a native of that state, and in 1854 they became residents of Jefferson county, Iowa, where Mr. Draper followed farming for some years. He died in 1887 and his wife passed away in 1895, both being laid to rest in the Clay cemetery. Of their eight children four died in infancy, those who reached maturity being Abbie, Charles N., J. E. and Hugh Draper.

Mr. Edwards' political views have always been those of the republican party, his convictions having been early formed, and while he is not an office seeker, yet he is greatly interested in the successes of his party and is a strong supporter of its candidates. An enthusiastic church worker, he belongs to the Baptist denomination, and he is secretary of the church and also a member of the board of deacons. His life has been one of great usefulness, not only as an industrious and prosperous farmer but also as a citizen, and through his religious ardor he has contributed much toward the moral and spiritual welfare of the community in which he lives.

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### JESSE LONGWELL.

Jesse Longwell is a representative citizen of Wellman, where he is conducting a well appointed drug store and in its management is meeting with good success. He is also connected with public affairs as an office holder, but whether in office or out of it, is always loyal to the best interests of the community, his cooperation proving a valuable factor in the general improvement and upbuilding of the town.

A native of Marion county, Ohio, he was born June 8, 1847, and is a son of Louis and Harriett (Jury) Longwell, both of whom were natives of Kentucky, born in the years 1812 and 1817 respectively. After living for

sometime in Marion county, Ohio, they came to Washington county, Iowa, in 1852, the father purchasing and operating a farm in Lime Creek township, whereon he reared his family. His wife died March 2, 1862, and his death occurred September 7, 1905. In their family were eight children, six of whom are yet living, namely: Isaac, a resident of Washington county, Iowa; Rachel, the wife of Frank King, of North Dakota; Martha, the wife of N. Matthers, of this county; Mary J., who is the wife of Benjamin F. Adams and resides in Kansas; Jesse, of this review; and Margaret, the wife of John Whetstine, of Missouri.

Jesse Longwell pursued his education in the public schools and was reared upon the home farm in Lime Creek township, being but five years of age at the time of the removal from Ohio to Iowa. When not busy with the duties of the schoolroom his attention was largely given to the work of the fields and he remained at home until after the outbreak of the Civil war, when as a boy of sixteen years he responded to the country's call for troops, enlisting in Company D, Ninth Iowa Cavalry, with which he served until the close of the war. He was in several hard skirmishes and was discharged at Little Rock, Arkansas, on the expiration of his term of enlistment. It was a strenuous experience for a youth of his age but he never faltered in the performance of his duty, manifesting his loyalty on every occasion by the faithful performance of the tasks assigned him.

At the close of the war Mr. Longwell returned home and continued to work for his father on the farm until 1869, when at the age of twenty-two years he went to Kansas and purchased a farm, upon which he resided for five and a half years. He then sold that property and returned to Washington county, renting and cultivating his father's farm for three years, at the end of which time he determined to give his attention to commercial rather than agricultural pursuits and purchased a drug store in Dayton. In five years he sold out and bought a drug store in Wellman. He has since conducted the business and now has one of the oldest and best known establishments of the city. From the beginning he has prospered in this work, his trade constantly increasing as the years have gone by. His store is complete in its appointments and equipments, is attractive in its tasteful arrangement and altogether pleasing by reason of the straightforward business policy he has followed and the earnest desire manifest to please the patrons. Mr. Longwell today enjoys an extensive trade and in addition to his stock he owns a large double store building in Wellman. He likewise has a fine residence at the corner of Arch and High streets and these different structures are the visible evidence of his life of well directed thrift and enterprise. In addition to his other interests he is now one of the directors of the Wellman Savings Bank.

On the 12th of December, 1878, Mr. Longwell was married to Miss Florilla Topping, who was born in Jefferson county, Wisconsin, April 6, 1852, her parents being Charles D. and Emeline (Lucas) Topping, both of whom are now deceased. In their family were six children. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Longwell have been born three children: Albert F., whose birth occurred November 5, 1879, is a graduate of the pharmaceutical department of the State

University and is now with his father in the store; Zella E., born May 24, 1883, is a graduate of the Mount Pleasant Conservatory of Music; and Ona B., born January 25, 1885, completes the family.

In his political views Mr. Longwell has ever been a stalwart republican, giving earnest, substantial and effective support to the party. His fellow townsmen, appreciating his worth and ability, have frequently called him to public office and for over twenty years he has served on the school board, the cause of public education finding in him a firm and stalwart friend. He was likewise county supervisor for six years and in that position did beneficial work for the community at large. He belongs to the Masonic lodge at Wellman and his wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Both are held in high esteem and their own home is justly noted for its warm hearted hospitality. Mr. Longwell has won success without allowing personal interest or ambition to dwarf his public spirit or activities. His is the record of a strenuous life, the record of a strong individuality, sure of itself, stable in purpose, quick in perception, swift in decision and energetic and persistent in action.

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#### W. A. BIRNEY.

W. A. Birney follows agricultural pursuits on a large tract of land in Washington township, this county, making a specialty of buying and feeding stock, his shipments of cattle and hogs being very extensive and the most remunerative department of his business. He is a native of Harrison county, Ohio, born August 23, 1845, and a son of Hugh and Annie (Reynolds) Birney. His father was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, in 1803, and came to the United States when he was a boy and located near Cadiz, Ohio, where he engaged in general farming on a tract of land which he entered when he was about twenty-five years of age and there he resided until his death, which occurred March 12, 1880, when he was seventy-seven years of age. Our subject's mother was born on shipboard while her parents were en route to this country, and was married in Ohio, where she entered into rest. To her were born eight children: John H.; Jane, deceased; a child who died in infancy; W. A.; Robert, an agriculturist, following his occupation near Cadiz; Johanna, deceased; George R., deceased; and a child who died in infancy.

W. A. Birney was reared on his father's farm, spending his boyhood days assisting in the duties of agriculture and taking advantage of the opportunities afforded him by the neighboring schools. He remained at home until he was twenty-one years of age, at which period of his life he commenced the occupation of farming independently, beginning early to deal in live stock. He cultivated land in Harrison county, Ohio, until 1894, when he came to this county, upon his arrival intending to purchase land but, meeting with the misfortune of losing his wife, he gave up the idea and rented a farm containing three hundred and thirty acres, upon which he has since engaged

in general farming and in feeding all kinds of stock. He raises many head of cattle and hogs, paying particular attention to the latter, which he ships to all parts of this and adjoining states. The improvements which he has put upon the place makes it in every respect one of the best for carrying on his business and Mr. Birney is numbered among the experienced and expert agriculturists of the township.

In 1865 was celebrated his marriage with Miss Emma Spiker, a native of Harrison county, Ohio, by whom he has had eight children: Hugh, an agriculturist of Worthington, Harrison county, Ohio; M. L.; Frank Howard, deceased; Earl Jephtha, who engages in farming in Marion township, this county; Homer Clare; Anna E.; Robert, deceased; and Clyde S.

Mr. Birney votes with the republican party and while he takes an interest in local affairs and is willing to aid all projects designed for the public good, he does not care to hold office and declined to serve in the office of justice of the peace, to which he was elected. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is at present a trustee, and since the age of eighteen years he has always held some office in the organization. He is a man entertaining an excellent reputation throughout the community for his straightforward life and enterprising spirit and is justly accounted one of the township's worthy agriculturists.

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#### LEWIS C. SITLER.

Lewis C. Sitler is conducting a general blacksmithing business in Washington and a life of unremitting industry and well directed energy has brought him a gratifying competence as the years have passed, making him one of the substantial citizens of the community. He was born in Greene county, Ohio, March 28, 1843, and in his veins flows the blood of German ancestry, for in both the paternal and maternal lines he is of German lineage. His grandfather, Samuel Sitler, settled in Pennsylvania on his arrival in the new world and there both he and his wife spent their last days. The maternal grandfather of Lewis C. Sitler was John Bowers, who was also born in Germany and on coming to the new world settled in Hagerstown, Maryland. He served his adopted country as a soldier of the war of 1812. He married Miss Seville Bundle, and they became parents of five children, four daughters and a son: Maria, Mary, Emeline, Elizabeth and John.

The parents of Lewis C. Sitler were Peter and Maria (Bowers) Sitler, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Maryland. The father was a blacksmith by trade and all of his sons followed the same pursuit. In the year 1859 he came to Washington county, Iowa, settling in Cedar township, where he purchased eighty acres of land and engaged in farming for a number of years. Subsequently he took up his abode in Washington, where he resumed work at his trade, but after laboring at the forge for two years he returned to the farm. His death occurred in 1885 at the home of his son Peter in Oskaloosa, Iowa, when he was sixty-five years of age, while his



wife passed away in 1883, also at the age of sixty-five years. She was a devoted member of the Methodist church.

In his family were nine children, five sons and four daughters: Martha J., the widow of James H. Adams, of Washington; Lewis C.; Emeline, the wife of Worth Austin, of Rifle, Colorado; Elias Dilley, of California; Amanda Elizabeth, the deceased wife of Alvert Powers; Peter Miley, of O'Brien county, Iowa; Patience, the wife of Clark Brown, of Wellman, Iowa; Collette, the twin of Patience and a resident of Dayton, Iowa; and Charles, who is living in Sigourney, Iowa.

Lewis C. Sitler was reared in his native county to the age of sixteen years and during that period pursued his education in the district schools. In 1859 he came to Washington county, Iowa, and for two years worked on the farm for his father but in August, 1862, left the plow that he might aid his country in her struggle to preserve the Union. He, therefore, enlisted as a member of Company A, Twenty-fifth Iowa Volunteer Infantry and served until June, 1865. He was slightly wounded in the shoulder at the battle of New Hope Church but otherwise escaped injury, although he was often in the thickest of the fight, participating in the battles of Vicksburg; Arkansas Post; Lookout Mountain; Missionary Ridge; Ringgold; Dallas, Georgia; Bentonville, North Carolina; and Columbia, South Carolina. He also accompanied Sherman on the famous march to the sea, which proved how weak was the southern Confederacy, its strength having been drawn from the interior to protect the border. When victory perched upon the Union banners he participated in the Grand Review in Washington, D. C., where thousands of Union soldiers marched through the city, cheered by the multitude who thronged the streets and welcomed the returning heroes. When the war was over Mr. Sitler again came to Washington where he has since followed blacksmithing, conducting a shop here, in which he receives a liberal and substantial patronage.

On the 19th of November, 1868, Mr. Sitler was united in marriage to Miss Mary Glover, a daughter of James and Isabella (Thompson) Glover. Mrs. Sitler was born in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, while her parents were natives of Ireland. Her father died in the Keystone state, while the mother's death occurred in Iowa. They had eight children, four of whom are living: Sarah, the widow of William Smith, of Columbia City, Indiana; Charles, living in Oskaloosa, Iowa; James, a resident of Keota; and Mary, now Mrs. Sitler. Unto our subject and his wife have been born three children: Howard, who married Ethel Jacobs, and is a blacksmith; Ida Marie, who died at the age of fifteen years; and a daughter who died in infancy.

Mrs. Sitler is a member of the First United Presbyterian church. Mr. Sitler belongs to I. G. White Post, No. 108, G. A. R., and thus maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades. Politically he is a republican but the honors and emoluments of office have had no attraction for him as he prefers to give his undivided attention to his business affairs. That he has prospered in his undertakings is evidenced by the fact that he now owns a fine home in Washington, his shop and several lots. He has always been a busy man, active and energetic in following his trade and is also widely

known as a reliable and progressive citizen, as true and loyal to his country in local affairs and in national interests as when he followed the old flag on southern battlefields.

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### ROBERT PORTER LEWIS.

Robert Porter Lewis has now almost reached the seventy-sixth milestone on life's journey. He is living retired in the enjoyment of a well earned rest, but for many years was actively associated with agricultural interests and is still the owner of valuable farming property. Moreover, he is entitled to representation in this volume from the fact that he is one of the pioneer residents of the county, having lived within its borders for sixty-five years, during which time he has seen the wild prairie converted into fine farms dotted here and there with beautiful homes, while thriving towns and villages have sprung up, offering excellent inducements for the establishment of industrial and commercial enterprises within their midst.

Mr. Lewis was born in Decatur county, Indiana, November 18, 1833, a son of William B. and Eliza Jane (Donnell) Lewis, both of whom were natives of Kentucky. The father was a son of Samuel Lewis, of French descent, a native of Maryland, whence he removed to the Blue Grass state, while later he became a resident of Indiana and subsequently of Iowa. In early days he trained in the old state militia of Indiana and his son William became a captain in the light horse artillery. Samuel Lewis married Cassandra Laisure, and they reared several children, including William B., Nathaniel, John, James, Elizabeth and Mary. The father died in Washington county at the age of eighty-five years, while the mother's death occurred when she was seventy-nine years of age. The maternal grandfather of Robert Porter Lewis removed from Kentucky to Indiana, settling in Decatur county, when it was still a frontier district. He made farming his life work and both he and his wife died in middle life. They were the parents of several sons and daughters: James; Samuel; John; Luther and Eliza, twins; Nancy; and Jane. The last named became the wife of William B. Lewis.

The father of our subject was reared to farm life and although he engaged to some extent in general merchandising he carried on general agricultural pursuits during the greater part of his life. He, too, became one of the pioneer residents of Decatur county, Indiana, and in 1845 he arrived in Washington county, Iowa, where he purchased three hundred and sixty acres of land in Brighton township. He also entered land from the government, and to each of his children gave eighty acres. He died on his farm in this county at the age of eighty-three years, and his wife, who survived him, was eighty-four years of age at the time of her death. They were members of the United Presbyterian church and were people of prominence in the community. In early life Mr. Lewis represented his district in the state legislature when the capital was at Iowa City and was a member of the state

senate and also of the house after the seat of government was removed to Des Moines. As a member of the general assembly he took an active and helpful part in shaping the early legislation of the state and in molding the policy of the commonwealth. Unto him and his wife were born eleven children, six sons and five daughters, all of whom reached years of maturity, while five are still living: Robert P.; Mary Ellen, the wife of Henry Marshall, of Kansas; Elizabeth and Josephine, who are living at Iowa City, Iowa; and Thomas L., also a resident of Iowa City.

Robert P. Lewis arrived in Washington county when he was but eleven years of age and here he has since made his home. He was reared on the farm amid the surroundings of pioneer life, sharing with the family in all of the hardships and privations incident to frontier existence. He attended the district schools and remained under the parental roof until he attained his majority, when his father gave him eighty acres of land. He immediately began its cultivation but continued to make his home with his parents until twenty-five years of age. He then married and established his home upon his own farm. Later he left his wife and one child to go to the defense of his country, enlisting as a member of Company A, Twenty-fifth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, with which he served until the end of the war. He participated in the siege of Vicksburg, the battles of Arkansas Post, Ringgold, Missionary Ridge, Resaca and all of the military movements around Atlanta, after which he marched with Sherman to the sea and took part in the Grand Review in Washington. He went through all of the experiences that come on the long, hard marches and in the hotly contested campaigns, but was fortunate in never being wounded nor captured.

After the war Mr. Lewis returned to his farm in Brighton township, Washington county, and took up the active work in the fields, bringing his land under a high state of cultivation. He lived upon that place until 1890, when he rented it and removed to the county seat. In the meantime he had added two more eighty acre tracts and is now the owner of two hundred and forty acres, from which he derives a substantial income. He has lived retired, however, during the last nineteen years and well merits the rest which he is now enjoying.

It was on the 6th of October, 1858, that Mr. Lewis was united in marriage to Miss Olivia K. Tracy, a daughter of Joshua and Sarah (Moore) Tracy, natives of Virginia and Ohio, respectively. They arrived in Washington county, Iowa, in the spring of 1845, settling in Brighton township, where Mr. Tracy entered one hundred and sixty acres of government land, but was not long permitted to enjoy his new home, for his death occurred in 1847. He was also a twin. His wife passed away a week after his death. They were the parents of twelve children, six sons and six daughters, of whom four are now living: Basil Tracy, a merchant of Brighton; Dr. Levi E. Tracy, living in Chillicothe, Missouri; Mrs. Lewis; and Sheriden Tracy, of Richland, Iowa, who was a soldier of the Civil war. In tracing back the ancestry of Mrs. Lewis it is found that the family are descendants of Sir William Tracy, who came from England to America in September, 1620, and settled in Virginia, where he owned a large estate and was the possessor of vast

wealth. Back of him the ancestry is traced until the record covers a thousand years. Joshua Tracy, the grandfather of Mrs. Lewis, was a native of Virginia and married Nancy Vaughn, by whom he had eleven sons and one daughter. He lost his life in a snowstorm in the Allegheny mountains while making a trip eastward for salt, when about forty-six years of age. His wife reared their family and lived to be quite old, making her home in Belmont county, Ohio, on land which her husband had entered from the government. She died at the extreme old age of ninety-two years. The maternal grandfather of Mrs. Lewis was Robert Moore, who came from Ireland with his wife and settled in Belmont county, Ohio, where he engaged in farming. He died, however, when about eighty-seven years of age, and his wife died when about seventy-eight years of age. They were the parents of two daughters: Sarah, who became Mrs. Tracy; and Elizabeth, the wife of Samuel Casey.

Mrs. Lewis was born in Belmont county, Ohio, May 2, 1839, and was therefore about seven years of age at the time of the removal of the family to Iowa, in which state she gave her hand in marriage to Robert P. Lewis. They became the parents of three daughters and two sons: Mary Adella, who died at the age of three years; Mide C., who is a milliner and lives at home; Harry Tracy, who died at the age of two years; Helen Beatrice, the wife of James H. Baird, of Rockford, Illinois, and the mother of one daughter, Mary Olivia Beatrice Baird; and Earl Ashton, a successful business man, well known as a jeweler and as the owner of a large manufacturing establishment in Oskaloosa, Iowa. He married Vera Van Sickle.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis are members of the Second United Presbyterian church and are well known in Washington and throughout the county, where they have an extensive circle of warm friends. Mr. Lewis belongs to I. G. White Post, No. 108, G. A. R.; his political allegiance is given to the republican party; and he is always progressive in his citizenship, but without desire for office. His life has been a busy and useful one and his business affairs have ever been characterized by unfaltering integrity and reliability. He has borne his full share in developing the county, which during the period of his residence here has been converted from a wild western district into one of the populous and prosperous counties of this great state. He has seen the building of the railroads, the introduction of the telegraph and the telephone and of many interests which contribute to the comfort and convenience of modern life and which are strong contrasts to the mode of living of the pioneers.

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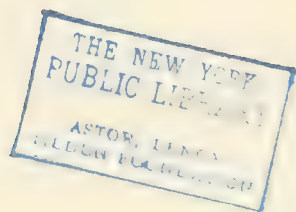
#### GEORGE G. VINCENT.

George G. Vincent is one of the prominent and prosperous representatives of live-stock interests in this county, having extensively engaged in the breeding of registered shorthorn cattle, while for several years he has fed from one to two car loads of fat cattle for the market. He is today widely known because of his extensive interests as a stock-dealer and his judgment is sel-





MR. AND MRS. C. G. VINCENT



dom, if ever, at fault, in matters relative to this field of business. His home is in Seventy-Six township, where he owns three hundred and forty-four acres of as fine land as can be found in the state of Iowa. His record is one which reflects credit and honor upon his native county. His birth occurred in Washington township about two miles west of the county seat on the 9th of August, 1848, his parents, John and Jane J. (McCully) Vincent, having been pioneer settlers of Washington county. The father was born in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, April 8, 1796, and was a son of James and Charity Vincent. In the month of April, 1842, he arrived in Iowa, settling on a farm in Washington township, Washington county, upon which he resided to the time of his death. For two years he rented the land and then entered his homestead claim of two hundred acres. In later years, when success had made him one of the prosperous farmers of the community, he used to say that on his arrival in Iowa he was forty-eight dollars worse off than nothing and that he would have returned to the east if he had possessed the means to get away. However, fate compelled him to remain and he lived to rear a family of eleven children to manhood and womanhood, while in his business affairs he so prospered that he was able to give to each of them an eighty-acre farm while at the time of his death the old home place of two hundred acres was divided among them. All of this land was entered from the government by him, he paying for it the usual price of a dollar and a quarter an acre. His life was one of untiring industry and of indefatigable effort and it was thus that he gained the success which crowned his efforts as the years passed by. He was never an office seeker, but he gave stalwart support to the republican party, feeling that the best interests of state and nation would be conserved thereby. In early manhood he wedded Miss Jane J. McCully, who was born in Xenia, Greene county, Ohio, March 4, 1810. They were consistent and faithful members of the United Presbyterian church and both were killed by a train in October, 1876, while returning home from a visit among their children, the wagon in which they were driving being struck by a passing train. They were accompanied by John Gilmore, who was also killed.

The quiet and uneventful life of the farm boy gives a favorable picture of George G. Vincent in his youthful days. He was reared under the parental roof and began his education in the common schools, while later he had the benefit of instruction in a select school in Washington. At twenty years of age he began cultivating his present homestead, then compromising eighty acres which he received from his father. During the first season he operated his land with six yoke of oxen and the following fall fattened the cattle and sold them, purchasing horses with the proceeds of the sale. For the past twenty-three years he has been extensively engaged in the breeding of short-horn cattle and has for years fed from one to two carloads of fat cattle for the market. He has built up an enviable reputation as a breeder of fine stock, shipping his cattle extensively throughout the western states. His name seems to be a guarantee for high grades and it is well known that his stock are ever just what they are represented to be. He is known as one of the best judges of fine stock in Iowa and his business interests of this character have always been conducted in such a manner as to win him substantial

and well merited prosperity. As his financial resources have increased he has extended the boundaries of his property until it now comprises three hundred and forty-four acres of as fine land as the state produces. Every improvement upon it has been placed there by him, and it is now one of the splendidly developed farms of the community.

In February, 1879, Mr. Vincent was married to Miss Mary Terressa Wright, of Dutch Creek township, and they have become parents of seven children: Jennie Belle, the wife of Isaac Pulver, a resident of Seventy-Six township; Charity May, a milliner in South Haven, Michigan; Nellie Anna, a teacher in the high school of Rockford, Iowa; Earl W., who is a graduate of the United Presbyterian College of Monmouth, Illinois; Martha Grace, a teacher of this county; Robert Elmer and George Everett, both at home.

The parents and children are all members of the United Presbyterian church and Mr. Vincent has served as a member of the church session for twelve or fifteen years. He contributes generously to its support and co-operates in many of its activities. In politics he is independent, yet rather more strongly in sympathy with the republican than democratic party. He served for several years as justice of the peace and also as a member of the school board and whether in office or out of it has put forth effective effort toward advancing the best interests of the community. He is today numbered among the wealthy farmers of Seventy-Six township and the activity and integrity that have characterized his life have made him a man whom to know is to respect and honor.

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### CYRUS F. TIMMINS.

Cyrus F. Timmins, the owner of a fine farm of two hundred and forty acres in Cedar township, is widely recognized as a most progressive and successful agriculturist of his community. He was born in Washington county, Iowa, August 2, 1853, his father being George A. Timmins, whose birth occurred near Chambersburg, Franklin county, Pennsylvania, in 1824. In 1852, George A. Timmins came to Iowa and entered the land which now constitutes the home farm of our subject, giving his time and energies to its development and improvement until his demise in 1885. On his arrival here he found the district still largely wild and unsettled and in order to secure the necessary lumber for the construction of a house, he cut down some trees and hauled the logs to Washington to be sawed. The dwelling is still standing and is in a good state of repair. The widow of George A. Timmins still survives at the age of eighty-two years, making her home with her son, Cyrus F. Her family numbers five children, namely: Milton, who is a resident of Kansas; Cyrus F., of this review; T. A., also of Kansas; Clara, the wife of C. S. Sargent, of Kansas; and Frank E., who likewise lives in the Sunflower state.

Cyrus F. Timmins attended the common schools in pursuit of an education and has always continued to reside on the farm which his father entered



from the government in 1852. His time and attention have been given to the work of the fields throughout his active business career and he now owns two hundred and forty acres of rich farming property and five acres of timber land in Cedar township. In addition to the cultivation of grain he also raises and feeds hogs and sheep, and in his undertakings has gained that measure of success which is ever the reward of earnest and untiring labor when guided by sound judgment.

As a companion and helpmate on the journey of life Mr. Timmins chose Miss Josephine Logue, who was born in Carroll county, Illinois, her parents being now deceased. By this union there were born five children, as follows: George C., of this county; Floyd L. and Mary M., both at home; and Fred and Eunice, both of whom have passed away. In 1902 Mr. Timmins was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, her death being deeply deplored by her many friends.

In his political affiliation Mr. Timmins is a stalwart republican and has served as township trustee and school director, discharging his official duties in a most satisfactory and efficient manner. Fraternally he is connected with the Knights of Pythias, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. He has been a resident of the county from his birth to the present time and has progressed with its development and growth, while in agricultural circles he now occupies a prominent place.

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#### D. K. SHAVER.

D. K. Shaver is yet connected with farming interests although now in his eighty-eighth year. He is a remarkably well preserved man, especially supple and vigorous, which fact is due to the life that he has led, never abusing nature's laws. His birth occurred in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, January 3, 1822. His parents, George and Rosanna (Ankeny) Shaver, were natives of Frederick county, Maryland, and of Somerset county, Pennsylvania, respectively. On seeking a home in the middle west they settled in Johnson county, Iowa, where Mr. Shaver took up a claim in 1844. Not a furrow had been turned nor an improvement made on that tract of land, but with characteristic energy he began the cultivation of his claim, building a little log cabin, covered with a clapboard roof and supplied with a stick chimney, puncheon floor and clapboard door. On the latter was a wooden latch which was raised with a string as was customary in the olden times, giving rise to the familiar saying concerning hospitality that "the latch string is always out." They met all of the experiences common to pioneer life and aided in extending the frontier, their work being a valuable element in reclaiming the wild district. The father died in 1845, while the mother passed away in 1844. In their family were twelve children, three of whom are yet living: D. K., of this review; Eleanor, who is the wife of Rein King, of Des Moines, Iowa; and Mrs. Henrietta Hull, living in Muscatine, Iowa.

D. K. Shaver spent the days of his boyhood and youth in the county of his nativity and when twelve years of age learned the printing trade, at which he worked for more than three decades. At one time he worked as a journeyman on the Standard at Iowa City and he also set the type, making the boundary line of the State of Iowa. He was employed by Judge Bates on a newspaper when that gentleman was a candidate for the governorship of Iowa and he also issued the supreme court reports for Judge Green at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. During his early manhood he became widely known in connection with the journalistic interests of the state, being a prominent representative of newspaper circles here. In 1852 he secured a land warrant for one hundred and sixty acres of land in Johnson county, Iowa, in exchange for eight weeks' work he had done for Judge Green. In 1854 he removed to his claim and there remained until 1857, when he took a trip south to Jackson, Mississippi. In that place he worked on a paper but staid there only four weeks, as he was a stalwart whig and the political feeling in the community was so strongly opposed to him that it was necessary for him to leave. Therefore one night he quietly left the town and made his way northward to a more congenial political atmosphere. Landing in St. Louis, he there found employment, working on the St. Louis Republic for three months. Returning to Johnson county, Iowa, he accepted the position of foreman on the Iowa City Republican and engaged in that capacity for two years, while later he established the American Union at Iowa City, conducting the paper for a short period. He next removed to his farm in Johnson county and gave his attention to general agricultural pursuits until 1900, when he sold that tract of land and bought the farm whereon he now resides in Washington county, near the old town of Dayton in Lime Creek township. He has since made his home here and the farm is a well improved property which is conducted under his personal supervision. Few men of his years manifest so active and intense interest in business affairs as Mr. Shaver, but he seems many years younger than the records indicate and has the vigor, physical endurance and enterprise of a man twenty years his junior. He started out in life with few advantages, his education being only such as was afforded in the little log school house of pioneer times. He taught school for a few terms and all through his life he has been a student, learning many valuable lessons in the school of experience.

In 1857 Mr. Shaver was united in marriage to Miss Adaline Donahey, who was born in Harrison county, Ohio, in October, 1840, and is a daughter of John and Sarah (Picken) Donahey, natives of Pennsylvania and Ohio respectively. Of their family of eleven children only three are now living. Mrs. Shaver came with her parents to Washington county, Iowa, when she was only six years of age. Her father entered land from the government in this county and made his home thereon until his death, which occurred in 1854. His wife survived him for eighteen years, passing away in 1876. Two of the four children of Mr. and Mrs. Shaver, Bonetta and George D., have passed away. Those who survive are: Birney, living in Mitchell, South Dakota; and E. A., who is operating a cement block factory at Dayton in Lime Creek township. The sons are now building a tile and cement block

factory, in which they have invested two thousand dollars, it being one of the best equipped plants of its kind now in operation.

In his political views Mr. Shaver is a stalwart republican, having given loyal support to the party since its organization. He has held a number of minor positions and is always progressive and loyal in his citizenship. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity, to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and to the Independent Order of Good Templars. He holds very radical views on the temperance question and has never used intoxicants nor tobacco in any form. He is now in his eighty-eighth year and prides himself on being the most supple man in the county of his age, being able to stand and kick the door jam of the house. He attributes his physical strength and endurance to the fact that he has always lived a temperate life, never abusing nature's laws. His is a splendid record of the man whose feelings have ever found expression in prompt action, rather than in plans and theories, who has accomplished what he has undertaken and has left the record of his individuality for good upon various parts of the state where he has put forth a progressive effort along journalistic and agricultural lines.

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### W. A. STOUTNER.

W. A. Stoutner is the owner of a splendidly improved farm of two hundred and seventy acres on section 7, Seventy-Six township. His place is one of the attractive features of the landscape and gives visible evidence of the spirit of thrift and enterprise on the part of the owner in its highly cultivated fields and in its good buildings. Washington county may well be proud to number Mr. Stoutner among her native sons, for his life record has at all times been a creditable one. His birth occurred here, June 13, 1862, his parents being John and Mary (Keith) Stoutner. The father was born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, and the mother in Richland county, Ohio, and in the early '50s they arrived in Washington county, Iowa, becoming early residents of this part of the state and recognized throughout the intervening years as prominent and valued citizens of the community. Dr. Stoutner, the father, is still living in Keota but has retired from active business life. The mother passed away in 1906. They were the parents of six children: Margaret, now deceased; Oliver, who is a resident of Keota; Naomi, the wife of J. W. Stewart, of Seventy-Six township; Edward, deceased; W. A., of this review; and Nettie, who is a widow and lives in Keota.

W. A. Stoutner, whose name introduces this record, lived at home until he had attained his majority and his youthful days were spent in the usual manner of most farm boys who work in the fields when not occupied with the duties of the school room. On reaching adult age he determined to make the occupation of farming his life work and bought a part of the farm on which he now resides. He has today two hundred and seventy acres on this tract, which is situated on section 7, Seventy-Six township, and is finely improved land. The soil is naturally rich and productive and the methods

of farming which Mr. Stoutner follows are such as make the soil produce its maximum yield. Good machinery is used in carrying on the work of the fields and it is along modern lines of agricultural progress that Mr. Stoutner has directed his efforts with the result that his labors have been attended with gratifying success. In addition to his home property he has three hundred and twenty acres of land in Texas.

In 1884 Mr. Stoutner was married to Miss Martha McCaleb, who was born in Washington county, Iowa, a daughter of R. and Phoebe McCaleb. Her father is now deceased but the mother still lives in this county. In their family were twelve children. Mrs. Stoutner by her marriage became the mother of four children: George E., who resides in this county; and Edward J., Arthur W. and Walter R., all at home. The wife and mother was called to her final rest on February 2, 1903, and her death was deeply regretted by all who knew her because of her many estimable traits of character. Her grave was made in the Keota cemetery. On the 1st of June, 1905, Mr. Stoutner was again married, his second union being with Miss Edna Jones, who was born in Keota and was one of the five children of O. B. and Laura Jones, who are yet residents of Keota. By the second marriage there has been one son, William A.

Mr. and Mrs. Stoutner hold membership in the Christian church and his political support is given to the democracy. His life has been quietly passed in the work of the farm and yet he has displayed many sterling qualities which have gained for him the esteem and warm regard of those with whom he has come in contact. He has always lived within the boundaries of Washington county, and therefore for forty-seven years has witnessed its growth and improvement, at all times giving his cooperation to the measures which are of public benefit.

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### HENRY L. FOSTER.

Henry L. Foster is the owner of one of the extensive farms of Lime Creek township, having three hundred and sixty-one acres of rich and valuable land on section 34. In its operation he displays a practical and progressive spirit, manifesting keen discernment in judging between the essential and the non-essential in all of his business affairs. He is one of the worthy citizens that Ohio has furnished to Washington county, his birth having occurred in the Buckeye state, August 19, 1858. He is the youngest of the surviving children of A. D. and Martha (Lucas) Foster, natives of Vermont and Connecticut, respectively. Becoming a resident of Ohio, the father purchased a tract of timber land and after building a log cabin began clearing away the trees and preparing the fields for the plow. He lived upon that place until 1860, when, with his family, he removed to Washington county, Iowa, and bought a farm in Lime Creek township. Both he and his wife remained residents of that township until called to their final rest and were respected as worthy and representative citizens of the community. The father



died in 1889, and the mother survived until February 8, 1897. Six of their children have passed away, while those who are still living are: E. N., now a resident of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; William A., a prominent farmer of Lime Creek township; Marian, who is living in Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and Henry L.

The last named was just two years of age when the parents brought their family to Washington county, so that practically his entire life has been spent in this locality. He was trained to the work of the fields on his father's farm, alternating his time between the tasks that were assigned him through parental authority and the duties of the schoolroom, his education being acquired in the common schools. He remained at home until he had attained adult age and then started out in life on his own account by renting a farm which he cultivated for three years, but lived on the home farm. On the expiration of that period he purchased a part of the old homestead and he also inherited a portion of it. Today his landed possessions aggregate three hundred and sixty-one acres on section 34, Lime Creek township. He has improved this by building a fine house and all the out-buildings necessary for the shelter of grain and stock. Everything about the place is kept in good repair and the farm presents a most pleasing appearance, constituting one of the attractive features of the landscape. Annually Mr. Foster garners good crops and he also raises and feeds cattle and hogs, which business he successfully conducts.

While his private interests make large demand upon his time and energies Mr. Foster also finds opportunity for cooperation in public affairs and has done effective work in the interests of public education through several terms' service as a member of the school board. He is also a valued representative of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Dayton Lodge, No. 149, A. F. & A. M., while in Washington he has taken the degrees of the chapter and comandery. His life exemplifies the beneficent spirit of the order for he is in thorough sympathy with its principles, which are based upon mutual helpfulness and brotherly kindness.

On the 17th of September, 1885, Mr. Foster was married to Miss Hila A. Jones, who was born in Washington county, Iowa, May 25, 1861, and is a daughter of J. C. and Maria (Cassis) Jones. Her father was born in Licking county, Ohio, while her mother's birth occurred in Orange county, New York. They arrived in this county on the 7th of June, 1854, and settled in Lime Creek township. Mrs. Foster was one of a family of five children, but only two are now living. Her father died February 2, 1902, but the mother still survives and is now living with her daughter, Mrs. Foster, at the age of eighty-two years.

Mrs. Foster spent her early girlhood in her parents' home and afterward engaged in teaching school, which profession she followed for seven years. She is a valued member and active worker in the Eastern Star at Wellman and is now serving as its worthy matron and is also grand marshal of the state lodge. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Foster have been born five children: Burrell C., who was born August 31, 1886, and is a graduate of the Wellman high school; Ellery N., who was born February 14, 1889, and also completed the

high-school course in Wellman; Wayne J., who was born June 19, 1891, and is a graduate of the Wellman high school; Warren H., who was born August 24, 1894, and is now a pupil in the high school of Wellman; and Morgan J., who was born August 25, 1897.

The family is one of prominence in the community and the hospitality of the best homes of this portion of the county is freely extended to the members of the Foster household. Both Mr. and Mrs. Foster have a large circle of friends and acquaintances and wherever known are held in high esteem. Mr. Foster has long ranked with the leading farmers of this part of the state, his enterprise and ability bringing him a large measure of success in his chosen field of labor.

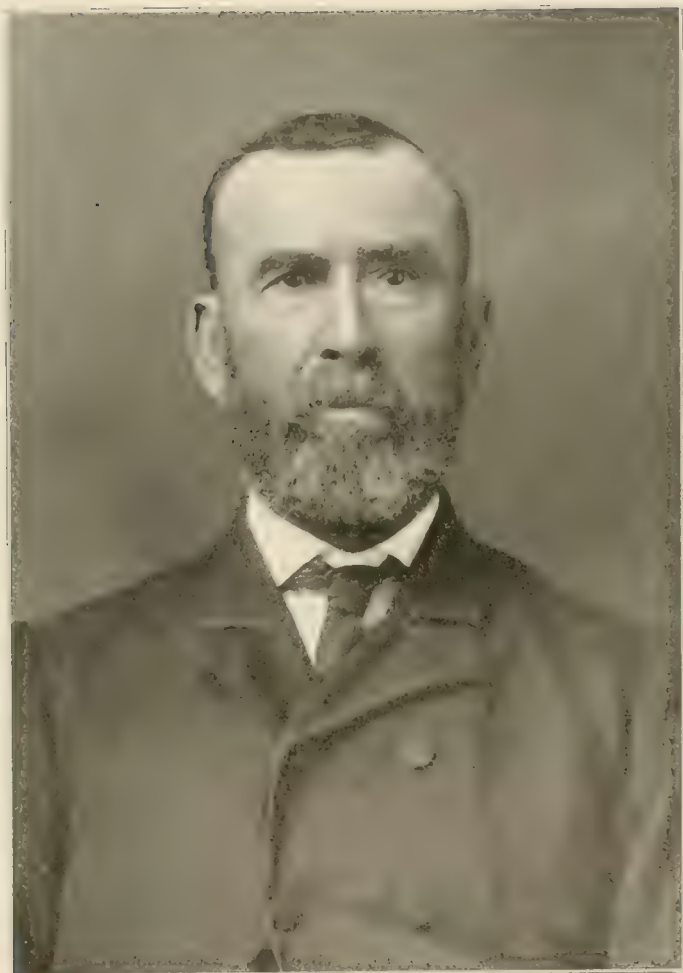
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### CAPTAIN WILLIAM A. WILSON.

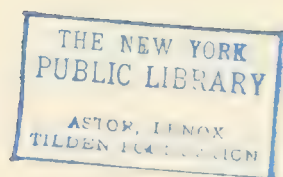
Captain William A. Wilson, now well known as a prominent stock-raiser and farmer, residing in Washington, started out in life for himself at the age of twenty-two years with a cash capital of but ten dollars. He began operating a rented farm and as the years have passed his well directed industry and capable management have brought him into prominent connections with the agricultural interests of southeastern Iowa.

He was born in Shelby county, Indiana, August 18, 1831, and is a son of Allen and Henrietta (Dryden) Wilson. He comes of English ancestry in the paternal line, and Scotch on maternal side, although the family was founded in America at an early day. His grandfather, Ammon Wilson, was a native of the state of New York, where he followed farming for many years. He served his country as a soldier in the war of 1812 and was ever loyal to the best interests of his home locality, his state and nation. He lived to a ripe old age and reared a family that included Allen, Abijah, Abner, Ammon, Margaret and Lucy Wilson.

The maternal grandfather of Captain Wilson was William Dryden, a native of Ohio and a farmer by occupation. He, too, espoused the cause of the country in the second war with England. Both he and his wife, Mrs. Henrietta Dryden, lived to advanced years. Their family numbered six sons and six daughters, including Henrietta Dryden, who was born in Ohio and in early womanhood gave her hand in marriage to Allen Wilson, a native of New York. This worthy couple were the parents of Captain Wilson. The father devoted his life to general agricultural pursuits and on his removal from the Empire state established his home in Shelby county, Indiana, among its early settlers. He afterward removed to Mercer county, Illinois, in 1835 and there died in 1855 at the age of seventy-five years. His wife survived him for a long period and passed away in 1895, at the remarkable old age of one hundred and three years. She retained wonderful vigor to the last, walking three or four blocks the day prior to her death. She was a member of the Methodist church from early womanhood, while Mr. Wilson was reared in the Presbyterian faith. However, after his marriage he went with



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his wife to the Methodist church. Unto them were born seven children, four sons and three daughters: Sarah K., the deceased wife of Richard Shield; William A.; Chauncey B., deceased; Lovena, the wife of L. H. Woodard, of Clinton, Iowa; Jay, who has passed away; Allen, also deceased; and Louisa, the wife of John Stevens, of Mercer county, Illinois. Both Mr. and Mrs. Wilson were married twice. The father had no children by his first marriage. After losing her husband Mrs. Henrietta Wilson became the wife of Noble L. Grimes, and they had two children, Rachel and Noble L.

Captain William A. Wilson was a little lad of but four years when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Illinois. His youthful days were spent on the home farm in Mercer county and in the district schools he mastered the common branches of learning. Ambitious for an education he would frequently sit up until midnight and read or study by the light of burning hickory bark. His days were filled with the work of the fields as he aided in plowing, planting and harvesting. When he left the parental roof at the age of twenty-two years and started out in life on his own account he had a cash capital of only ten dollars, but he possessed certain qualities which are indispensable to success—energy, industry and laudable ambition. His previous experiences, too, well qualified him for farm work, and, renting a tract of land, he thus engaged in farming for two years, after which he bought eighty acres of land in Mercer county, where he lived for three years. On disposing of that property he invested in one hundred and sixty acres, which he cultivated until after the outbreak of the Civil war, when, feeling that his duty to his country was paramount to all others, he enlisted in Company K, One Hundred and Second Illinois Volunteer Infantry, with which he served for about three years. He went to the front as second lieutenant, was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant and later commissioned captain, while subsequently he was brevetted major. He took part in a number of hotly contested engagements, including the battles of Buzard's Roost, Resaca, Burnt Hickory, Kenesaw Mountain, the second battle of Lookout Mountain, Peach Tree Creek and the Atlanta campaign. He also participated in many of the long, hard marches and in all the campaigning that constitutes the life of the soldier on the field.

When the war was over Captain Wilson returned to Mercer county, Illinois, where he resumed farming which he conducted with notable success, making investments in land from time to time until he had accumulated nine hundred and sixty acres, when he disposed of his property in 1884 and removed to Lane county, Kansas. There he and his sons had five thousand acres of land, but the hot winds destroyed their crops and, disposing of his farm, Mr. Wilson purchased forty teams and aided in building the Missouri Pacific Railroad and the extension of the Rock Island road to Colorado. He was likewise engaged in the construction of a road from Garden City, Kansas, to the line of the Missouri Pacific. A private company was engaged in that enterprise and through its failure Captain Wilson lost six thousand dollars, which he has never recovered. In 1889 he came to Washington county, Iowa, having traded his Kansas land for three farms in this locality, two in

Highland township comprising two hundred and eighty acres, and one in Marion township of one hundred and twenty acres. Bending his energies to their further cultivation and development he was busily employed in the work of improving those properties until 1903, when he sold out and purchased the Brockway farm of four hundred acres in Highland township. His son Sheridan was his partner in that deal and they still own the farm. Since 1903, however, Captain Wilson has made his home in Washington.

On the 24th of September, 1857, Captain Wilson was united in marriage to Miss Keziah Woodward, a daughter of Lofland H. and Keziah Woodward. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson became parents of eight sons and three daughters: Allen J., now deceased, married Emma Clark and had two children, one of whom, Fred, survives; Edward S., wedded Cassie Willets; Dick Yates, who for four years was clerk of Republic county, Kansas, and chief clerk of the state assembly for two terms and is now living in Chattanooga, Oklahoma, wedded Mary Puckett and they have six living children, Louisa, Flo, Alberta, Dick Yates, Ressa and Mary Alice; Ressa is the wife of Bert Willits, of this county, and they have six children, Edward, Cloyd, Grace, Roy, Glenn and Stella; Sheridan, who operates the home farm, married Maggie Brady, who died leaving four children, William P., Dick Y., Louisa and Edward, and after her death he married Ola Crone, by whom he has three children, Alice, Fay and Merle; John S., who was county recorder of Washington county for four years and now resides in the city of Washington, married Eva Palmer and has five children, Elizabeth, Leila, Palmer, Frances and Helen; Harvey P., who follows farming in Jackson township, wedded Mary Logue and has three children, Ressa, Glenn and Harold; Louie and Gracie both died in childhood; Bert M., formerly a farmer and now an auctioneer of Alberta, Canada, married Maud Fordyce and has four children, Eilene, Madge, Jay and Max; and Frank M., a resident farmer of Highland township, married Della Owens and has three children, Mabel, Oma and Mildred. Mrs. Keziah Wilson, the mother of this family, who was born October 28, 1841, died May 7, 1884.

On the 18th of August, 1885, Captain Wilson was again married, his second union being with Miss Emma Hagan, a native of Highland township, Washington county, Iowa, and a daughter of Joseph and Hannah (Leffler) Hagan, who were natives of Germany. The mother was brought to this country when four years of age and was reared and married in this county. Mr. Hagan came to this county when a young man. There were four children of that marriage, all of whom died in infancy with the exception of Mrs. Wilson. The mother died in 1867 when Mrs. Wilson was four years old and she was reared by her maternal grandparents. Her father died in 1893 at the age of sixty-two years. Unto Captain and Mrs. Wilson two children have been born: Emma, who died in infancy; and Ruth Schley.

The parents are members of the Methodist church, and Captain Wilson belongs to the Masonic lodge and to the Grand Army of the Republic. His political allegiance is given to the republican party, and while in Mercer county, Illinois, he served as county commissioner for twenty years. While he has met with some reverses in life he has never allowed himself to be-

come discouraged by these and with resolute spirit has overcome the difficulties and obstacles which he has met. Thus year by year he has made substantial progress and is now numbered among the valued citizens of Washington county, not alone by reason of the prosperity he has achieved but also owing to the straightforward business methods he has ever followed.

### GOTTLIEB KREBS.

Iowa with its splendid agricultural possibilities offers excellent opportunity to him who wishes to earn his living by the tilling of the soil. Devoting his time and energies in successful manner to the cultivation and improvement of a farm, Gottlieb Krebs has become well known as a prominent and progressive citizen of Iowa township, where he owns and operates two hundred acres of land. He was born on the farm where he now resides, January 7, 1874, a son of Frederick and Rachel (Hagen) Krebs. The parents were natives of Germany and came to the United States in the '50s, locating first in New York, where the father was engaged as a farm hand. They later removed to Massachusetts and subsequently came west, establishing their home in Washington county, this state, where the father purchased forty acres of farm land. He became a very successful farmer and as he prospered he extended his possessions until he was an extensive owner of valuable land. He passed away on the 27th of March, 1904, and is still survived by his wife, who, at the age of seventy-three years, resides in Riverside, Iowa. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Krebs were the following children: Mary, deceased; Louise, the wife of Jacob Franks, of Iowa township; Jane, who wedded Jacob Lawser and resides in Katona, Iowa; Rachel, the wife of Charles Gerot, living in Riverside; Henry, a farmer of Washington county; Frederick and John, living in Iowa township; William; and Charles, also residents of Iowa township; and Gottlieb, of this review.

Gottlieb Krebs spent the days of his boyhood and youth upon the home farm, acquiring his education in the district schools of the neighborhood. The periods of vacation were devoted to the work of the fields and he early became familiar with the tasks that commonly fall to the farm lad. When he laid aside his text-books he chose as a life work the occupation to which he had been reared. He therefore remained at home, operating the farm in partnership with his father until the latter's demise, when the old homestead was deeded to him and he has continued to reside thereon to the present time. It is a finely improved place of two hundred acres of valuable land, while he also owns ten acres of timberland. He carries on general agricultural pursuits, having brought his fields under a high state of cultivation, and also devotes a large portion of his time and attention to the raising of cattle and hogs. This branch of his business interests has been most successful and is proving a very substantial source of revenue.

Mr. Krebs was united in marriage in September, 1902, to Miss Mary Shebeck, of Riverside, Washington county. He is democratic in politics and is a stalwart supporter of the principles of that party, although neither desiring nor seeking public office as a reward for party fealty. He has never allied himself with any fraternal organization but prefers the pleasures and companionship offered at his own fireside. He has never sought to figure prominently in any public light, but in business has proven capable and reliable and his intense and well directed activity is now bringing him a gratifying measure of prosperity which ranks him among the prosperous and representative farmers of this district. Having passed his entire life in the place where he now resides, his circle of acquaintances has become very extensive and the fact that he is most highly respected where he is best known is an indication that his salient characteristics are such as command the respect, trust and good will of all with whom he has come in contact.

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#### MARTIN P. MILLER.

On the list of Washington county's honored dead appears the name of Martin P. Miller who for many years figured as one of the most prominent, prosperous and honored merchants of the city of Washington, where he owned and conducted the New York Store. In all things he measured up to the full standard of manhood and the warm regard entertained for him throughout the county caused the news of his demise to be received with deep and sincere sorrow in this portion of the state.

He was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, December 28, 1858, and was a son of Samuel and Barbara (Finnefrock) Miller, who were likewise natives of the Keystone state. The family is an old one of Pennsylvania, the grandfather having been born there, while for many years he followed farming about eight miles from the city of Lancaster. The Finnefrock family was also represented in Lancaster county, where the maternal grandfather of our subject was born and carried on general agricultural pursuits.

Samuel Miller, who has made the occupation of farming his life work is still living in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. Having lost his first wife in 1855, he has since married a Mrs. Crawford. The children of the first union were: George; Mary, who was the wife of the Rev. John Royer; Martin P., deceased; Rev. Benjamin Miller; Anna, the wife of Harry Dennis; Amanda, the wife of Alfred Collins; Frances, the deceased wife of Charles Jenks; Alice, the wife of the Rev. Charles Wiles; Emma, the wife of Frank McKain; and Samuel, of Chicago.

Martin P. Miller was reared in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, on the old home farm and lessons of industry and diligence were early impressed upon his mind. He attended the district schools in the acquirement of his early education, afterward continued his studies at Mount Joy, Pennsylvania, and later taught school for a time. On his removal to the west in 1880 he located in Washington, where he began clerking for T. Saeger, and



subsequently became a salesman in the store of Glaze & Ball. He with his brother-in-law, C. R. Daugherty, afterward purchased Mr. Ball's interests and he eventually became sole proprietor of the store. From a small beginning he built up the business until it was the largest dry-goods store in this section of the country, known as the New York Store. He conducted it along modern business lines, actuated in all that he did by a progressive spirit, his labors being the expression of well formulated and carefully executed plans.

On the 8th of July, 1884, Mr. Miller was united in marriage to Miss Willie Daugherty, a daughter of Captain Thomas S. and Christiana (Rhodes) Daugherty. Mrs. Miller was born in Rock Island county, Illinois. Her paternal grandfather, William Daugherty, was reared in Ohio and followed the occupation of farming as a life work. He married Susan Scott and in their later years they came to Iowa, where Mr. Daugherty died at an advanced age. His wife survived him for a number of years and passed away in 1890. They were the parents of eight children: Jane and Thomas, both deceased; Susan, the deceased wife of Lewis Quinn; Charity, deceased wife of I. N. Watt, of Moline, Illinois; Rebecca, the deceased wife of John W. Maxwell; Lydia, who has also passed away; Martha, the wife of the Rev. M. A. Head; and Della, deceased.

Of this family Captain Thomas S. Daugherty was born in Ohio and became one of the early settlers of Muscatine, Iowa. He engaged in teaching school in early manhood and afterward conducted a grocery store in Muscatine. His business activity, however, was interrupted at the time of the Civil war by his active service in defense of the Union. He became captain of Company I, Twenty-eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, enlisting in 1864, and while at the front was largely engaged in duty at Mobile, Alabama, and Brownsville, Texas. On leaving Muscatine he came to Washington in 1867 and here established a grocery store, that he conducted until his death, which occurred in the '80s when he was forty-six years of age. In early manhood he had wedded Christiana Rhodes, a native of Kentucky. Her father, Thomas Rhodes, was a native of Ohio and married Elizabeth Ragan, who was born in Kentucky. He died in the state of his nativity when yet a young man. Mrs. Daugherty was their only child. She still survives her husband and yet lives in Washington. They were the parents of four children who reached adult age: Maude I., the deceased wife of Frank W. Maxwell; Willie Elizabeth, now Mrs. Miller; Charles R., of New York city; and Docela, who died in early womanhood.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Miller was blessed with four children, three sons and a daughter, but the second child, Charles, died in infancy. Thomas S., the eldest, is a graduate of the Chicago University; Dorothy is a sophomore in the same institution; and Maxwell P. is a graduate of the Washington high school and now a student of the Chicago University.

The husband and father died February 6, 1904, and the news of his death brought a sense of personal bereavement to his many friends as well as his immediate family. Since her husband's death Mrs. Miller has carried on the New York Store and displays excellent business ability, executive

management and sound judgment in the control of her affairs. She is also well known socially and is a member of the Methodist church, to which Mr. Miller likewise belonged. He was, moreover, a prominent Mason and held the office of grand treasurer of the state in 1892 and 1893. Politically he was a republican and served for a few years as a member of the city council, exercising his official prerogatives in support of all public measures which he deemed would prove beneficial to the community at large. His life was indeed a busy and useful one and he was justly accounted one of the representative and honored citizens of Washington. He was loyal in all public relations, faithful in friendship and devoted to the welfare of his family. He won his success by straightforward methods and his record constituted an example well worthy of emulation.

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#### F. G. SANDS.

One of the well appointed mercantile establishments of Ainsworth is conducted by F. G. Sands, the senior partner of the firm of Sands Brothers. Early realizing that there is no royal road to wealth and that there is no excellence without labor he has put forth strenuous effort to build up a trade along the legitimate lines of business and throughout his entire career his course has conformed closely to a high standard of commercial ethics. He represents one of the old families of the county, his grandparents locating within its borders fifty-eight years ago. His birth occurred in Oregon township, January 3, 1869, and he was the third in order of birth in a family of four children, whose parents were John W. and Martha (Shaw) Sands. His grandparents were Benjamin and Rosanna (Hudson) Sands, who were natives of Tennessee, where the father of our subject was also born and lived to his twelfth year, when he accompanied his parents to Iowa, the family home being established in Washington county in 1851. Extended mention of the parents and grandparents is made on another page of this volume in connection with the history of A. E. Sands, a brother of our subject. The youthful days of Frank G. Sands were spent in the usual manner of farm lads of the locality and period. At the usual age he entered the public schools, pursuing his studies in Ainsworth and during the periods of vacation he worked in the fields, early becoming familiar with the best methods of plowing, planting and harvesting. He afterward supplemented his public-school course by a pharmaceutical course in Iowa City, Iowa, and in 1892 he embarked in the drug business at Thornburg, Keokuk county, Iowa, where he conducted a well appointed store until 1897. In that year he located in Ainsworth to become identified with its commercial interests, opening a grocery and drug store under the name of Sands Brothers. Since that time a stock of jewelry has been added, also a line of men's furnishing goods, a furniture department and an undertaking department. The firm has about sixty-five hundred square feet of floor space and owns a two-story brick business block, which is well equipped with a large line of goods in the different departments

mentioned. They are well equipped to meet the various demands of the trade, closely study the wishes of their patrons and by the most reliable and enterprising business methods have met with splendid success. F. G. Sands is practically the manager of the business, while his brother, A. E. Sands, concentrates his energies upon banking interests as cashier of the Ainsworth Bank.

In his political views Mr. Sands is a stalwart republican. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he is serving as a trustee and his wife is also a member of that organization. His fraternal relations connect him with the Masonic lodge of Ainsworth.

On the 2d of August, 1895, Mr. Sands was married to Miss Mabel M. Keller, a resident of Washington county, and they have one son, Rex, who was born March 19, 1897. They occupy a leading position in the social circles of the town and the hospitality of the best homes is freely accorded them, for their genuine personal worth is widely recognized.

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### JOHN KENNEDY.

John Kennedy, who is one of the successful agriculturists of Washington township, engaged in general farming and stock-raising on section 23, was born in Herkimer county, New York, March 18, 1853, and is a son of James and Sarah Jane (McComb) Kennedy. His father was a native of County Down, Ireland, and of Scotch descent, his mother having been born and reared near Glasgow, Scotland. It was about the year 1850 that James Kennedy came to the United States, when he located in Herkimer county, New York, where he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Jane McComb, who was also a native of the Emerald isle. In 1850 they came to Washington county, Iowa, where he followed the occupation of a stone and brick mason and to some extent engaged in contract work. At the outbreak of the war of the rebellion he responded to the call for troops and enlisted in the Union army, becoming a member of Company F, Eleventh Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He was present at the siege of Vicksburg and died in that city from illness contracted through exposure. His wife passed away on the 4th of March, 1857, leaving one child, the subject of this review.

In the common schools John Kennedy received his preliminary education, subsequently being given the advantage of a course of study in a select school under Professor McKee. After the Civil war, being the only surviving member of the family, he resided with an uncle and aunt and at the same time worked for wages on neighboring farms until 1872, when he engaged in farming for himself. After his marriage he removed to Mount Pleasant, Iowa, clerking in a store there for three years, at the expiration of which time he returned to Washington county and resided with his grandmother, caring for her. Subsequently he removed to Hancock county, Iowa, driving across the country with teams. There he engaged in general farming until the spring of 1885, when he again returned to this county, making it his home

ever since. He now owns and operates a farm of two hundred and forty acres on section 23, Washington township, and besides this property also has an eighty-acre farm in Marion township. In connection with general farming he gives considerable interest to the breeding of stock and is one of the most extensive cattle breeders in Washington township.

On October 18, 1874, Mr. Kennedy wedded Miss Alice C. Titus, a native of this county and a daughter of Harlan David and Jane Eliza (Robinson) Titus. Her father, who was a native of Chester county, Pennsylvania, came to Iowa in 1852, and after renting lands for a time entered the farm upon which the subject of this review now resides. There he engaged in farming until his death, which occurred June 10, 1894. His wife was a native of New York state but they were united in marriage in Ohio. She entered into rest here in 1885. They reared a family of five children: Mary, deceased; Janet, the wife of Ebon Wilkins, an agriculturist of Marshall county, Kansas; John Duncan, deceased; John; and Ora, the wife of Joseph Dilley, who follows farming in Brown county, Kansas. To Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy have been born: George Duncan, deceased, who was an electrical engineer; a child who died in infancy; James Harlan, who assists his father on the farm; John L., who also resides with his father and is united in marriage to Pearl Fishbirt; Raymond, who passed away in May, 1908; and Lloyd, at home with his parents.

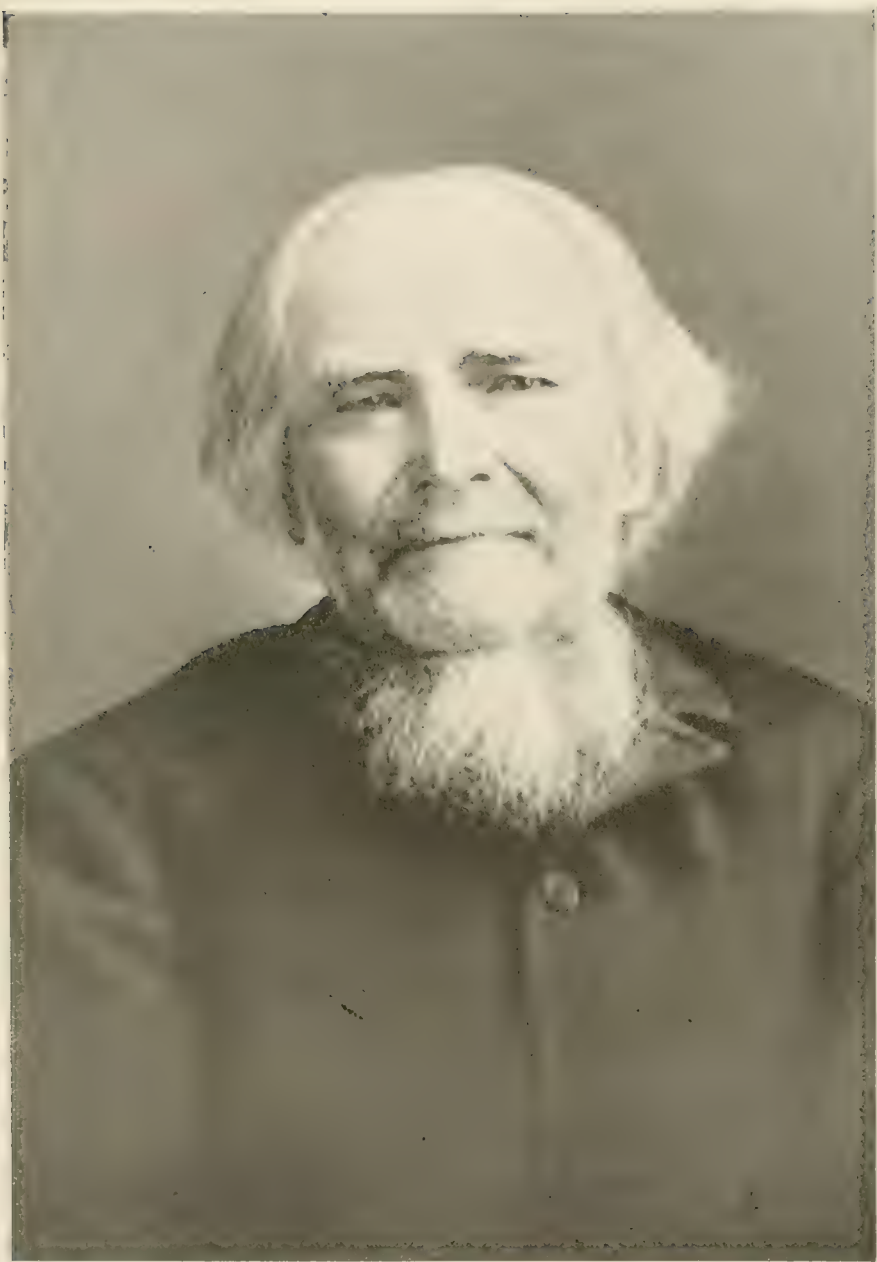
The republican party has always commanded the support of Mr. Kennedy, and taking a deep interest in local affairs he is now serving as a trustee of the township and has also filled the office of assessor for eleven terms, having also for four years performed the duties of the same office in Hancock county. He has for a number of years been a director of the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company, for which he has written a number of policies, and is a member of the Presbyterian church, to which his wife also belongs. Being a man of high moral character, his enterprise and upright work have always enabled him to enjoy the confidence and respect of his fellow citizens.

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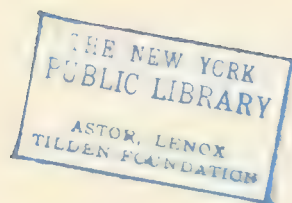
### HENRY SCHULTY.

Among the honored and representative citizens of Washington county is numbered Henry Schulty. More than a half century has passed since he came to the county, arriving here in very straitened circumstances. During the first winter he and his family lived in an upstairs room in the city of Washington, but he planned to some day have a home of his own and worked toward this end. Today he is one of the large landholders of the county, having over five hundred acres, which constitutes a very valuable and productive farm. His property is the visible evidence of a life of well directed thrift and enterprise, and the plans which he has pursued in the attainment of his success are in keeping with the highest principles of honor and business integrity.





HENRY SCHULTY



A native of Germany, Henry Schulty was born in the southern part of Oldenburg on the 1st of January, 1818, and remained a resident of the fatherland until he reached the age of fifteen years when he sailed for the western world, landing in Baltimore. He had only ten dollars when he reached his destination and his financial resources, therefore, rendered it imperative that he seek immediate employment. He secured a position in a warehouse, receiving one dollar per day for his services, but after working one day he went to Hagerstown, Maryland, and engaged with the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company at one dollar per day. He filled that position for more than a year after which he went to Cumberland and secured employment on the Chesapeake & Ohio canal, his remuneration for his services there being one dollar and a quarter per day. Like many other youths he decided to see something of the west and, giving up his position, started for Sandusky, Ohio. Again he secured work on a canal but soon became ill with ague and spent the last cent which he had saved in order to pay his board and his doctor bills. Alone and on foot he returned to Cumberland with no capital, and being so weak that he was unable to work he begged his meals. When he had recovered he took the first work that offered and began breaking ballast for a railroad bed. He did not find this work congenial, however. He wished to feel that he had some kind of a home and when a farmer offered him eight dollars per month for a year's labor he accepted the proffered position and remained there for three years.

While thus residing in Hampshire county, West Virginia, Mr. Schulty formed the acquaintance of Miss Margaret Ellen Snodgrass, who was born on the banks of the Potomac river in 1825. She was left an orphan in her early childhood and was reared by an uncle. Mr. Schulty sought her hand in marriage and on the 1st of January, 1846, the wedding ceremony was performed on the ice of the Potomac river on a very cold day.

Mr. Schulty's cash capital at that time was but sixty-five dollars, nor had he any investments of any kind. He possessed firm purpose, undaunted energy and laudable ambitions, however, and upon those qualities as a firm foundation he builded his later success. He and his bride began their domestic life upon a rented farm in a little log cabin with a clapboard roof. Around them were the rocks and hills of Hampshire county and with resolute spirit he undertook to dig a living out of the soil. He soon saw that renting was not profitable and realized that he might as well enjoy all the profits that should accrue from his place. He therefore purchased a farm in West Virginia, but the idea of clearing the land and picking up the stones so largely scattered over the place did not coincide with his ideas of what farming should be. There was also little nutrition in the soil and it required the most strenuous, earnest effort to produce crops that amounted to anything. Then, too, there dwelt in his memory pleasant recollections concerning the middle west and its productive soil and he determined that he would establish his home in the Mississippi valley and seek there the opportunity for advancement in business lines. Accordingly he left his old home in the south and traveled westward to Burlington, Iowa, and from that point by stage coach to Mount Pleasant. There he secured a chance to come to Washington,

Iowa, and on reaching that city rented a room upstairs for six dollars per month. It had only one coat of plastering upon it and during that winter the family often suffered with the cold. The next summer Mr. Schulty worked as a hodcarrier at one dollar and a half a day, carrying mortar for some of the first brick houses that were built in the city. The next spring he rented the land where the Rock Island depot now stands and put in a crop of corn and later he purchased eighty acres of land near Lexington at ten dollars per acre and from that time to the present has kept investing in property as his financial resources have increased. Thus year by year he has added to his holdings until he now owns seven hundred acres of fine land in Cedar township and is one of the prosperous residents of the community. His success is well merited as it is the direct reward of earnest, persistent labor, guided by sound and intelligent judgment. He has never feared hard work nor given way to discouragement but at all times has persistently and energetically prosecuted his daily tasks with the result that he is now one of the prosperous farmers of Washington county.

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### HENRY SCHULTY, JR.

Henry Schulty, Jr., has devoted his entire life to general agricultural pursuits and is now the owner of a valuable and productive tract of one hundred acres of land in Cedar township upon which he resides. He was born in West Virginia, November 28, 1849, and spent his youthful days in his parents' home. He is a son of Henry and Ellen Schulty, who in pioneer times came with their family to this county. They were in limited financial circumstances then but the father was a man of resolute and determined spirit and worked diligently and persistently, and as the years passed by he gained a place among the prosperous farmers of the county. Today he is living retired, deriving a handsome income from his valuable farms, comprising over five hundred acres of rich land. Extended mention of him is made on another page of this volume.

Henry Schulty, Jr., continued at home and assisted his father in the labors of the farm until twenty-five years of age, when he married and began farming on his own account. He wedded Miss Jennie Rickey, who was born in this county on the 5th of June, 1857, and is a daughter of Reuben and Ruth E. Rickey. They began their domestic life upon a farm and as the years have gone by Mr. Schulty has continuously cultivated his fields. His labors have been of a most practical character, producing highly satisfactory results. He now owns a fine farm in Cedar township, where he yet resides, and his fields have been brought under a high state of cultivation, so that he annually gathers therefrom abundant harvests. He uses the latest improved machinery to facilitate his work and has a well improved property which in its attractive appearance indicates his careful supervision.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Schulty has been blessed with one son, Leroy F., who is now a farmer of this county. The parents are widely and favor-



ably known and enjoy the high regard of all with whom they have come in contact. Mrs. Schulty is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Schulty belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, his affiliation being with the lodge at Kalona, Iowa. In his political views he is a democrat and although he has never sought nor desired office he has served as school director for several years and is a stalwart champion of the cause of education. Almost his entire life has been spent in this county and his many good qualities have gained for him a creditable position among the progressive farmers and worthy citizens of Cedar township.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Schulty were born seven children: Henry and Thomas, who are residents of Washington county; Mary, the wife of Rev. A. Gilson, now living in North Loup, Nebraska; Charles, a resident of this county; James, at home, operating the farm for his father; Samuel, also living in this county; and Amanda B., who is acting as housekeeper for her father. The wife and mother passed away September 10, 1897, and her remains were laid to rest in the Lexington cemetery. Her death was deeply regretted by the many who knew her, for her good qualities of heart and mind had gained for her warm regard among her friends as well as the love of her family.

In his political views Mr. Schulty has always been a staunch democrat but never an office-seeker, preferring to give his undivided time and attention to business affairs. His religious faith is that of the Catholic church, but all of his children lean toward the Methodist Episcopal church. Perhaps no history in this volume serves as a better illustration of the force and value of character as manifest in earnest purpose, indefatigable energy, commendable ambition and unfaltering determination. With nothing to aid him at the outset of his career, coming to America as a youth of fifteen years, he has since depended upon his own resources and his energy has enabled him to conquer all the difficulties and obstacles which he has confronted. In spite of the disadvantages of his early life he stands today among the prosperous residents of Washington county, where he is known as a respected and venerable citizen. He has passed the ninety-first milestone on life's journey and now can look back over the past without regret for he has made splendid use of his opportunities, has lived peaceably with all men and has ever been just and reliable in his dealings.

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### CAPTAIN JOHN S. GRAY.

Among the honored veterans of the Civil war now living in Washington is numbered Captain John S. Gray, who won his title by meritorious conduct on the field of battle. Through the period of his residence in this state he has been largely connected with farming interests but is now living retired in Washington, well meriting the rest which he enjoys.

Captain Gray was born in Marshall county, West Virginia, December 14, 1833. The family has for many generations been represented in America.

His grandfather, William Gray, was a native of Pennsylvania and followed the occupation of farming as a life work but put aside business pursuits at the time of the second war with England and served under General William Henry Harrison in protecting American interests. He married Hannah Bain and they had two sons, Matthew and Ellis. After losing his first wife, William Gray married a Miss Neiswanger, and they had three sons and three daughters: Rhoda, Eliza, Margaret, Joseph, David and Thomas.

Matthew Gray was born in the old Keystone state and was reared to the occupation of farming, which he followed in both Pennsylvania and Virginia, ere his removal to the west. In May, 1855, he came to Iowa and settled five miles southwest of Washington, where he spent the remainder of his days in the home of his son Captain Gray. He was born in 1801 and passed away in June, 1882, in his eighty-second year. His wife bore the maiden name of Sarah L. Leizure and was a daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Braddock) Leizure. Her father made farming his life work and for thirty consecutive years filled the office of justice of the peace, his long continuance in the position being indicative of the faithfulness and capability with which he discharged his duties. He lived to be very old and at length met his death by falling from a porch. His wife was also well advanced in years when called to her final rest. Their family included the following named: John, Joseph, Frank, Jesse, Charlotte, Sarah, Mrs. Ellis Gray and Mrs. Ellis Bain. As stated their daughter Sarah became the wife of Matthew Gray. She passed away some years prior to her husband's death, being called to her final rest January 1, 1870, when seventy-five years of age. Both Mr. and Mrs. Gray were reared in the faith of the Methodist church but after many years joined the Baptist church. At all times they were worthy Christian people and their upright lives won for them the confidence and good will of all. Mr. Gray served as justice of the peace for a number of years and whether in office or out of it was always a supporter of the best interests of his community.

Unto him and his wife were born twelve children, nine sons and three daughters, of whom four are now living: Captain John S. Gray; Leander D., living in Beatrice, Nebraska; Matthew, a resident of Holmesville, Nebraska; and Elizabeth, the wife of William Phillips, of Marshall county, West Virginia. The deceased are: Hannah, who married William Laughridge; Thomas L.; Jesse, who served under Grant in the Civil war; Ellis; Milton; Alfred; James, who was also in the Union army; and Frances, who died when about fourteen years of age.

Captain Gray was a resident of Pennsylvania between the ages of three and twenty-two years. His youthful days were spent upon a farm and he early became familiar with the labors and duties incident to the development of the fields. During his boyhood he hauled freight for his brothers Jesse and Ellis, who had a contract with the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, then being built through West Virginia, to furnish flour and beef to the workmen. His education was acquired in the subscription school, the little "temple of learning" being a log structure furnished in primitive fashion, while the methods of instruction were very crude as compared with those of the present

day. On the 25th of September, 1855, he arrived in Washington county, Iowa, following his father, who had come the previous May. He then assisted his father in fencing the farm, in digging a well and in making other improvements on the home place. He afterward rented land for two seasons and also engaged in operating a threshing machine for three years. There were no leisure hours in his life, which indeed was a very busy and useful one, until he at length put aside the labors of the farm to enjoy a well earned rest, his activity in former years providing him with a competence sufficient to meet all his needs. The only interruption to his business career came at the time of the Civil war.

In August, 1862, Mr. Gray responded to the country's call and was elected first lieutenant of Company C, Nineteenth Iowa Infantry. On the 1st of January, 1863, he was commissioned captain, his promotion coming to him in recognition of faithful and meritorious service. While at the front he attended five different court-martials. He participated in the battles of Prairie Grove, Arkansas, and the siege of Vicksburg, after which he went to New Orleans and thence to Brownsville, Texas, later returning to Fort Morgan, Alabama, and proceeding from that point to Pensacola, Florida. Later he returned to the rear of Mobile and was mustered out in that city, July 10, 1865, receiving his honorable discharge on the 6th of August following. He never faltered in the performance of any duty whether on the firing line or the lonely picket line.

When the war was over Captain Gray returned to Washington county, was married and began farming in Marion township where he purchased forty acres of land. On that tract he built a house and there made his home until February, 1902, when he left the farm and removed to the city of Washington, purchasing a comfortable home at the corner of Jefferson street and South Avenue D. In the meantime he had added to his original purchase and now owns eighty acres of well improved land, deriving a good income from this property.

On the 29th of September, 1865, Mr. Gray was united in marriage to Miss Amanda E. Cresswell, a daughter of John B. and Polly, or Mary (Tyler) Cresswell. There were two children of that union: Charles E., who died at the age of twenty-eight years; and Amanda E., who died in infancy. The mother passed away June 7, 1870, and on the 5th of January, 1871, Captain Gray married Mrs. Julia A. Helwick, the widow of Jacob J. Helwick and a daughter of Augustine and Rebecca (Stewart) Burham. Mrs. Gray was born in Maryland, January 15, 1845. Her parents were also natives of that state and became pioneer residents of Washington county, Iowa, locating in Cedar township. Later they removed to a farm a mile and a half north in the same township, where the father, who was born June 12, 1800, died on the 28th of June, 1887. The mother, whose birth occurred March 30, 1811, died August 8, 1877. They were the parents of fourteen children: John Thomas, Hiram Bell, William H., James Gipson, Nelson Cornet, Martha Ann, Harriet Ann, Henry Harrison, Christa Ann, Julia Ann, Lacey Ann, Seymour Rowen, Franklin Perry and Jacob Harvey. Two of the sons were in the army, William H., being a member of the Eighteenth Iowa

Volunteer Infantry, and Henry Harrison of the Thirteenth Iowa Regiment. The latter died in the service. Unto Captain Gray and his second wife have been born three children but one died in infancy. Evalena, the eldest, is the wife of Nelson N. Sage, of Washington, and they have a daughter Dorothy. Christina is the wife of Israel B. Hoxworth, who occupies the old home farm and they have one son Ralph Leo.

Captain and Mrs. Gray are members of the Baptist church and are widely and favorably known in this county where they have so long resided. Captain Gray is a member of I. G. White Post, No. 108, G. A. R., and has given stalwart support to the republican party since its organization. He has now been a resident of Washington county for fifty-four years and has therefore witnessed almost its entire growth and development. At the time of his arrival its prairie lands were largely uncultivated as the sod had not been broken in many places. As the years have passed he has seen its wild lands transformed into fine farms, equipped with all of the accessories of modern agriculture. He has also witnessed the building and development of towns and cities and in all community affairs his influence has been on the side of progress and improvement. He is recognized as a valued citizen, one well meriting the confidence and good will which are uniformly extended him.

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#### D. C. SITLER.

D. C. Sitler is engaged in blacksmithing at Dayton and is a worthy representative of the industrial interests of his part of the county. He leads a life of intense and well directed activity and whatever success he has enjoyed is attributable to his own persistent labor. One of Ohio's native sons, he was born in Greene county, on the 24th of March, 1855, his parents being Peter and Maria (Bowers) Sitler. The father's birth occurred in Pennsylvania, while the mother was born in Maryland. Following their marriage they lived for some years in Greene county, Ohio, and in 1860 came to Iowa, taking up their abode in Lime Creek township, where the father purchased land and carried on blacksmithing and farming, but chiefly the former. As the years passed he brought his fields under a high state of cultivation and won a substantial measure of success in improving and developing his property. Unto him and his wife were born nine children: Mrs. Martha Adams, now living in the city of Washington, Iowa; Clark, also a resident of Washington; Mrs. Emma Austin, whose home is in Colorado; Della, who is living in Nevada; Amanda, deceased; Peter, who yet makes his home in this state; Patience, who was the twin sister of D. C. and is the wife of Clark Brown, of Wellman; D. C., of this review; and Charles.

D. C. Sitler remained at home through the period of his boyhood and youth. He was but five years of age when his parents left Ohio, coming with their family to Iowa, so that he was here reared, his youthful days being devoted to the acquirement of an education and to work upon the home farm. When he started out in life on his own account he carried on farming



for five years, after which he turned his attention to blacksmithing and followed the trade at Wellman for ten or twelve years. On the expiration of that period he removed to Dayton, where he has since conducted his business, receiving a good share of the public patronage from the village and surrounding country. He is well qualified in this line of work, being thorough and accurate in all that he does and his business methods too exemplify the spirit of reliability.

Mr. Sitler has been married twice. In 1879 he wedded Miss Catharine Stump and unto them were born three children: Georgia M., now the wife of Clint Booth, of this township, by whom she has three children, Alva, Burrell and Violet; Winfield, and Ray B., both at home. The wife and mother died in 1886 and Mr. Sitler afterward married Miss Emma Shoff, by whom he had one child, Galen, also at home. In 1907 the second wife passed away.

Mr. Sitler has always given his political allegiance to the republican party, espousing its principles on attaining his majority and probably casting his first presidential vote for Hayes. He is an interested and exemplary member of the Odd Fellows Lodge at Wellman, in which he has filled all the chairs. He is a man loyal to the duties that devolve upon him, is faithful in his citizenship and true to the ties of friendship. Almost his entire life has been spent in this locality, so that his history is as an open book. Diligence and determination have been the salient qualities of his record and have brought to him a comfortable living as the years have gone by.

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### HENRY KREBS.

More than a century ago George Washington said that "Farming is the most useful as well as the most honorable occupation of man," and this truth has been verified throughout all ages. It is a matter of history that agriculture is the basis of the wealth of different countries, yielding a greater revenue than mining and commercial interests combined. The great agricultural states claim in their citizenship many men of genuine worth and excellent business ability whose labors contribute to the upbuilding of large commonwealths. To this class in Iowa belongs Henry Krebs, who is successfully identified with the farming and stock-raising interests of Washington county.

His birth occurred in Iowa township, this county, on the 2d of April, 1862, his parents being Frederick and Rachel (Hagen) Krebs, both of whom were natives of Germany. In the '50s they crossed the Atlantic to the new world, locating in the state of New York, where the father secured employment as a farm hand. Subsequently they removed to Massachusetts and later came to Washington county, Iowa, here purchasing a tract of land of forty acres. As the years passed and his financial resources increased through the careful conduct of his agricultural interests, Frederick Krebs extended the boundaries of his farm by the additional purchase of land and continued to reside on that place until called to his final rest on the 27th of March,

1904. His wife still survives at the age of seventy-three years and now makes her home in Riverside, Iowa. Unto this worthy couple were born ten children, namely: Mary, who is deceased; Louise, the wife of Jacob Franks, of Iowa township; Jane, who is the wife of Jacob Lawser and resides in Kalona, Iowa; Rachel, the wife of Charles Gerot, of Riverside, Iowa; Henry, of this review; Frederick and John, living in Iowa township; William; and Charles and Gottlieb, who are likewise residents of Iowa township.

Henry Krebs received only limited educational advantages in youth but through reading, experience and observation in later years has become a well informed man. He remained at home until he had attained the age of twenty-three years and then started out in life on his own account, renting the farm in Iowa township upon which he now resides. At the end of sixteen years, by dint of close economy and careful expenditure, he had accumulated sufficient capital to enable him to purchase the property. After it came into his possession he erected a commodious and attractive residence, as well as all necessary outbuildings for the shelter of grain and stock, and now has one of the finest and most highly improved farms in the township. In addition to his agricultural interests he makes a specialty of raising and feeding cattle and hogs and the gratifying measure of success which has attended his efforts in these directions entitles him to recognition among the substantial, enterprising and representative citizens of the community.

In November, 1889, Mr. Krebs was united in marriage to Miss Caroline Kodym, a native of Jackson township, Washington county, who was one of a family of thirteen children. Both her father and mother are now deceased. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Krebs have been born five children: Anna J., Joseph, George H., Clara M. and one who died in infancy. Mr. Krebs gives his political allegiance to the men and measures of the democracy and has served in the positions of school director and road boss. Both he and his wife are well known and highly esteemed throughout the county in which they have spent their entire lives and are in every way worthy of the trust and confidence which is uniformly accorded them.

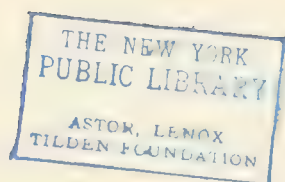
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### S. SCHNOEBELEN.

S. Schnoebelen, now living retired on his excellent farm of three hundred acres in Iowa township, was formerly actively and successfully identified with the agricultural and stock-raising interests of Washington county. His birth occurred in Alsace, Germany, on the 27th of April, 1835, his parents being Joseph and Elizabeth (Bricket) Schnoebelen, who were also natives of that place. In 1836 they crossed the Atlantic to the United States, locating in Ohio, where they made their home until 1844, which year witnessed their arrival in Washington county, Iowa. They entered land in Iowa township as soon as it was put upon the market and continued to reside thereon until called to their final rest, becoming well known throughout the community as people of genuine personal worth. They became the parents of nine chil-



MR. AND MRS. S. SCHNOEBELEN





dren, three of whom still survive, namely: Nicholas, a resident of Riverside, Iowa; S., of this review; and Gregory, of Iowa City.

S. Schnoebelen acquired a good practical education in the common schools and remained under the parental roof until he had attained the age of twenty-seven years. He then purchased the farm in Iowa township upon which he now resides and was engaged in its cultivation and improvement until the time of his retirement from active business life. In addition to carrying on general agricultural pursuits he also engaged quite extensively in raising and feeding stock and, owing to his well directed and unremitting labor, met with a creditable measure of prosperity in both undertakings. His farm of three hundred acres is now being operated by his son Oscar and he enjoys in well earned ease the fruits of his former toil.

In 1861 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Schnoebelen and Miss Josephine Smidel, a native of Bohemia. Unto them were born seven children, as follows: Frances, the wife of John T. Bulger; L. H.; Albert; Victor; Agnes, the wife of Charles Strabley, of Johnson county, Iowa; Matilda, who is the wife of August Grathe and makes her home in this county; and Oscar, who, as before stated, is engaged in the operation of his father's farm. The wife and mother passed away in January, 1902, in the faith of the Catholic church, her remains being interred in St. Vincent's cemetery.

Politically Mr. Schnoebelen is a stalwart democrat and has capably served his fellow townsmen in the positions of school director and treasurer for several years. He is also a faithful communicant of the Catholic church and his upright, honorable and useful career has won him the warm regard and esteem of all who know him. Having been a resident of this county for almost two-thirds of a century, he has been an interested witness of its growth and development as it has emerged from pioneer conditions and taken on all the evidences of a modern civilization. For many years he figured as one of the prominent agriculturists of the community and by his untiring energy and capable management gained the prosperity that now enables him to spend his remaining days amid all of the comforts and many of the luxuries of life.

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### SAMUEL MANATT.

Samuel Manatt, among the highly respected citizens of Washington county, is a retired farmer who makes his home in English River township. He was long associated with general agricultural pursuits and in his business affairs displayed keen discernment and unfaltering enterprise which enabled him to overcome all difficulties and obstacles in his path and gradually advance toward the present position of prosperity which he now occupies. Moreover, he is one of the oldest residents of the county, having been a witness of its growth and progress from pioneer times down to the present. In the work of general improvement he has borne his full share and his name

has become a synonym for progressiveness in citizenship and for activity and reliability in business.

A native of Holmes county, Ohio, Mr. Manatt was born July 17, 1833, and comes of Irish ancestry. His grandfather, Robert Manatt, a native of Ireland, established his home in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, on crossing the Atlantic, and there engaged in farming throughout his remaining days. He married Susanna Baine and she lived to old age. They were the parents of three sons and two daughters: James, Elizabeth, Margaret, Robert and William.

The last named was born in Ireland and in his childhood days was brought by his parents to the United States, his youth being passed in Somerset county, Pennsylvania. He afterward removed to Wayne county, Ohio, where he was married to Miss Martha Sumney, who was born in Pennsylvania and was of German extraction. Her parents, Samuel and Catherine (Frye) Sumney, were both natives of Pennsylvania and of German descent. For some years they lived in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, but afterward removed to Holmes county, Ohio, where they passed away at an advanced age. Their family numbered three sons and five daughters: Isaac, John, Samuel, Elizabeth, Mary, Martha, Hannah and Susan. As stated Martha Sumney became the wife of William Manatt in Wayne county, Ohio, and subsequently they removed to Holmes county, Ohio, whence in 1846 they came to Iowa, traveling with two two-horse teams and a buggy. Locating in Washington county they lived for two years on what is known as the old Alex Young farm. Mr. Manatt entered four forty-acre tracts of land in this county and four in Johnson county, and he also purchased forty acres adjoining his Washington county property. Sod had been broken on both sides the county line and some buildings had been erected in Washington county on the property which he secured. With characteristic energy he took up the task of further developing and improving his land and upon his farm reared his younger children. He was recognized as one of the substantial agriculturists and valued citizens of this part of the state and his labors were an element in general progress as well as a source of individual profit. He died in Lime Creek township in 1876 at the age of seventy-nine years, while his wife passed away in 1879 when about seventy-nine years of age. Their religious faith was that of the Methodist and Presbyterian churches respectively, and they were both earnest Christian people who enjoyed in large measure the warm regard of those with whom they came in contact. Mr. Manatt was called to fill various township offices, the duties of which he discharged with promptness and fidelity. Unto him and his wife were born three sons and four daughters: Robert, deceased; Susanna, the deceased wife of Lewis Pattison; Catharine, who married W. N. Rogers and has also passed away; Mary, the wife of James William Pattison, of St. Clair county, Missouri; Samuel; William S., who has departed this life; and Eliza, the deceased wife of J. W. McCormick.

Samuel Manatt, residing in Holmes county until thirteen years of age, then accompanied his parents on their westward removal to Washington county, Iowa, in 1846 and has made his home here practically all the time to

the present. He was reared amid the wild scenes and environments of frontier life for the work of improvement had scarcely been begun when the family arrived. He pursued his education in the district schools of Ohio and Iowa and earned his first money by teaching. He remained at home until twenty-five years of age but in the meantime owned a team and worked for himself at threshing. He afterward traded a fine horse for three forty-acre tracts of land, which were unimproved. He soon broke one forty, which he fenced, and upon it raised a crop of wheat, which he threshed and hauled to the Wassonville mill, where he received one dollar per bushel for it in gold. Of the money thus secured he loaned two hundred dollars and never recovered a part of it. For three seasons he engaged in threshing and in cultivating his forty-acre tract of land. Seeing the opportunity for successful real-estate operations he bought and sold a number of farms and at one time owned over a thousand acres in the county. He became a large stock-raiser and feeder and after starting out in life gave his attention to general farming and stock raising until he retired. In later years he gave much of his land to his children and also sold a number of tracts. However, he still owns an entire section in Sherman county, Texas. In all of his business affairs he displayed keen business discernment and unfaltering energy and his good management is evident in the excellent results which he obtained.

On the 31st of October, 1858, Mr. Manatt was married to Miss Mary Jane Britton, who was born in Tippecanoe county, Indiana, October 28, 1841, and is a daughter of W. S. and Margaret (Robison) Britton, natives of Ohio and Illinois, respectively. Their family numbered two daughters and three sons: Mary Jane, Thaddeus D., Sarah Ellen, William Scott and Vernon Douglas. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Manatt was William Britton, a native of Pennsylvania, and the maternal grandfather was John Robison.

The marriage of our subject and his wife has been blessed with eleven children, seven sons and four daughters: Tillie A. is the wife of E. A. Carpenter, resides near Lyons, Kansas, and they have three children—Carlos, Pansy and Erma. Scott E., who is cashier of a bank in Los Angeles, California, married Eva J. Morgan and has three children—Fay M., Hazel F. and Samuel Clifford. Clement V., who is practicing law in Fairfax, South Dakota, wedded Gretchen Spring, and they have four children—Thomas, Collie, Samuel and Edward. Florence E. is the wife of Lewis Worrel, of Washington, D. C., and they have one child, Everil. William B. married Dorothy Shillig and died leaving his widow and three children—Ruth, Naomi and Hilda. Margaret L. is the wife of Charles O. Griffith, of San Diego, California, and they have two children. Samuel is engaged in operating the home farm. Mary Orphie is a stenographer in San Diego, California. Guy E., who is a United States mail clerk on the Rock Island Railroad and lives in Washington, married Laura Wilson and has one child, Walter. Odin L., who farms with his brother Samuel, married Frederica Hesselschwert and they have two children—William and Mary. Roswell V., who is in the United States mail service and lives at Burlington, wedded Ollie Edmundson and has one son, Samuel Logan. The mother of this large

family, Mrs. Mary Jane Manatt, died in San Diego, California, February 2, 1908, at the age of sixty-six years and four months, and her death was deeply regretted by her many friends as well as by her immediate family for her sterling traits of character had won her warm regard.

Politically Mr. Manatt is a democrat, having supported the party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He filled the office of township assessor in English River township for two terms, has been township trustee and has served in other local offices. The cause of education has ever found in him a stalwart champion and he served as school treasurer and as president of the school board. During his incumbency in the former office he conducted the financial affairs with the lowest rate of taxes recorded in the history of the county. Throughout his entire life he has been interested in every movement calculated to benefit the community and promote its material, intellectual and moral progress. He stands as a high type of citizenship and for more than six decades has figured in the life of the community, his influence always being on the side of improvement. Great changes have occurred in the appearance of the county since he arrived in 1846 to find all about him a wild prairie on which few improvements had been made. He has borne his full share in the work of development in agricultural lines and through his carefully directed business affairs has won substantial success, enabling him now to live retired. In recent years he has spent considerable time in travel, making many trips to California, Texas and other sections of the country.

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### J. W. NICHOLS.

In taking up the personal history of J. W. Nichols we present to our readers the life record of one who had a most wide and favorable acquaintance in Washington county. He was long associated with its agricultural interests and was also prominent in public affairs, doing not a little to mold public thought and action. His birth occurred in Franklin county, Indiana, on the 27th of March, 1832, his parents being Richard and Mary (Pinkston) Nichols. The father was a native of Delaware and was of English descent, while the mother was born in Tennessee and of Welsh lineage. Both are now deceased, however. Richard Nichols departed this life in Illinois, while the mother died previously in Indiana. Their family numbered eleven children.

J. W. Nichols, whose name introduces this review, came to Washington county with his family in 1855. He was reared upon a farm and after he attained his majority continued in that occupation. He was a young man of twenty-three years when he came to this state, driving across the country from Indiana with a team. Reaching his destination, he located on a farm in Oregon township, and with characteristic energy began the cultivation and development of the fields. As the years passed his labors brought good results, as seen in the abundant harvests which he gathered and during the



last few years of his life he gave his attention to the raising of fine stock. He also bought and shipped stock for fifteen years and this branch of his business proved to him a profitable source of income.

J. W. Nichols was married in Dearborn county, Indiana, in 1852, when twenty-one years of age, to Miss Margaret Stone, a native of that county, whose birth occurred in 1835. They were the parents of eight children, of whom the following are living: Alvin L., Emerson E., Clarence E., Myra L. and Charles P. The last named, to whom we are indebted for the history of his parents, is now a liveryman and well known real-estate dealer of Ainsworth, whose name is an honored one in business and financial circles.

Mr. Nichols was a member of the Masonic fraternity and also of the Methodist Episcopal church and the teachings of those organizations constituted the guiding spirit in his life. In politics he was an earnest republican and a leader in the councils of his party in Washington county. He was honored by his fellow citizens with almost all of the township offices, including that of township assessor, in which capacity he served for four years. He also served as a member of the board for four years, was justice of the peace for two years and was notary public for six years. He likewise served for several years as township clerk and came within two votes of securing the nomination as a candidate for the state legislature. In discharging his official duties he ever gave careful consideration to the questions which came up for settlement and his record was indeed a commendable one, being characterized by loyalty and patriotism in all his relations to the public welfare and by integrity and enterprise in all of the private affairs of life.

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### J. E. GARDNER.

J. E. Gardner, residing on his farm of one hundred and sixty-five acres on sections 7 and 8, Cedar township, was born in this township on the 6th of November, 1860, his parents being James and Eliza (Martin) Gardner. The father, whose birth occurred in Franklin county, Ohio, March 15, 1819, was a son of James and Susanna (Beaver) Gardner, the former born in Pennsylvania in 1775 and the latter in 1790. In 1812 the grandparents of J. E. Gardner made their way to Franklin county, Ohio, where they continued to reside until called to their final rest. They had the following children: Michael, James, Mary, Susanna, Villinda, Nancy and Joseph, all of whom are now deceased with the exception of James, the father of our subject.

James Gardner obtained his education in a little log cabin characteristic of those early times and remained at home until he had attained the age of twenty-three years. He then operated a part of his father's farm as a renter for eleven years and in 1853 removed to Fulton county, Illinois, where he bought a farm and resided for four years, when he disposed of the property. In 1857 he came to Washington county, Iowa, purchasing the farm which has continued his place of residence to the present time. He paid less than ten dollars an acre for the land but as the years have gone by he has

brought the property under a high state of cultivation and improvement, transforming it into a rich, productive and valuable tract. In connection with the work of the fields he has also raised stock and for more than a half century has now been numbered among the substantial, representative and respected citizens of the county.

On the 6th of October, 1842, James Gardner was united in marriage to Miss Eliza Ann Martin, whose birth occurred in West Virginia in 1820, her parents being William and Ann (Conway) Martin. William Martin was eighty-five years of age when he passed away in Washington county, Iowa, and the death of his wife occurred in Ohio. Their family numbered eight children. Unto Mr. and Mrs. James Gardner were born eleven children, namely: Charles, who is deceased; Margaret A., the wife of John Eyestone, of Mount Vernon, Iowa; Zerrilda, who has also passed away; F. M., who is a resident of Guthrie county, Iowa; Joseph, of Wellman, Iowa; Winfield, **who is a minister residing at Mount Pleasant**; William, living in Chicago, Illinois; Lewis, at home; Ezra, who is engaged in farming; Samuel, of Indianola, Iowa; and Mary, deceased.

In his political views Mr. Gardner has always been a stanch republican and cast his first presidential vote for William Henry Harrison in 1840. He capably served as township trustee and also as a member of the school board for a number of years and was identified with the Good Templars. For the **past forty-two years both he and his wife have been devoted members of the Methodist Episcopal church**, taking an active and helpful interest in its work. They have now attained the venerable age of ninety years and enjoy the warm friendship and regard of all with whom they have been associated during the long years of their residence in Washington county.

J. E. Gardner, whose name initiates this review, attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education and remained under the parental roof until he was married at the age of twenty-eight years. Throughout his active business career he has been identified with agricultural pursuits, now owning one hundred and sixty-five acres of land on sections 7 and 8, Cedar township. He also makes a specialty of feeding cattle, sheep and hogs and owing to his untiring industry and capable business management, has met with a well merited degree of prosperity in his undertakings.

As a companion and helpmate on the journey of life Mr. Gardner chose Miss Viola Ashby, whose birth occurred in Washington county, September 11, 1862, her parents being E. W. H. and Elizabeth (Ihrig) Ashby, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Ohio. The year 1862 witnessed the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Ashby in this county and they are still numbered among the well known and respected residents here. Mrs. Gardner, who was one of a family of seven children, has become the mother of four children, namely: Edna M., who was born in July, 1890, and is now attending the Wesleyan University at Mount Pleasant, Iowa; Wade A., born September 20, 1893; Violet, whose birth occurred April 20, 1896; and James H., who first opened his eyes to the light of day on the 27th of October, 1901.

Mr. Gardner exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party and has been township clerk for four years

and also school director for several years. His fraternal relations are with the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America at Wellman, Iowa. Both he and his wife have a wide acquaintance throughout the county in which their entire lives have been spent, having ever displayed those sterling traits of character which command esteem and regard.

### PETER EITERMILLER.

On the honor roll of Washington county's citizens appears the name of Peter Eitermiller, who for a long period was a representative, respected and honored agriculturist of this part of the state. He was born in Germany, May 17, 1833, a son of Conrad Eitermiller who lived and died in Germany. His family numbered three children, two of whom still reside in the fatherland.

In his youthful days Peter Eitermiller bade adieu to friends and native country and sailed for the United States, locating first in New York, where he remained for two years. He then left that state and removed westward to Chicago where he resided for a short time, after which he came to Washington county, Iowa, in 1854. Settling in Lime Creek township, he worked as a farm hand until his labors had brought him sufficient capital to enable him to purchase a farm and begin in business in that way on his own account. In 1865 he purchased the tract of land on which his widow still resides and with characteristic energy began improving and developing this property. He wrought a marked transformation in its appearance, erecting thereon a fine residence together with all of the outbuildings necessary for the shelter of grain and stock. He was a shoemaker by trade but, following his marriage, gave his entire attention to general agricultural pursuits and at the time of his death was the owner of one hundred and eighty acres of rich and valuable land, which is still in possession of his widow. He also had a timber tract of one hundred and sixty acres in Lime Creek township. He was practical in all that he did, utilizing his opportunities to the best advantage, and as the years went by he gained a place among the men of affluence in his part of the county. In all of his business affairs, too, he was thoroughly reliable and his entire life was in harmony with his professions as a member of the Lutheran church. He was upright and honorable in all things, holding close to high ideals of living, and his many good qualities won him high regard.

On the 16th of February, 1858, Mr. Eitermiller was married to Miss Phoebe Steiner who was born in Germany and came to the United States in 1852. She lived for a time in the Empire state, but in 1857 removed from New York to Washington county, Iowa, and the following year gave her hand in marriage to Mr. Eitermiller. She was one of a family of eight children whose parents are mentioned in connection with the sketch of William Steiner on another page of this volume. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Eitermiller were born a daughter and a son. The former, Anna, is now the wife of John

Greene, a prosperous farmer and landowner of Lime Creek township, and they have four children and four grandchildren. The son, William, married Miss Carrie Herr, a native of Keokuk county, Iowa. He is now living on the home farm with his mother and cultivates the property for her. He also owns a fine farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Lime Creek township and thirty acres of good timber land. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, his membership being with the lodge at Wellman, while both he and his wife are connected with the Rebekah degree at that place.

Mrs. Peter Eitermiller still owns and occupies the old homestead and is highly esteemed in the community in which she resides. Her father was a member of the Mennonite church but she attends the Lutheran church. Her entire life has been in harmony with Christian teachings and her belief is manifest in her many acts of kindness and deeds of mercy. In 1889 she was called upon to mourn the loss of her husband whose death was also deeply felt throughout the entire community for he was respected and honored by all who knew him. He was a man of unswerving truthfulness, straightforward in his business transactions and at all times advocated progressive movements in citizenship.

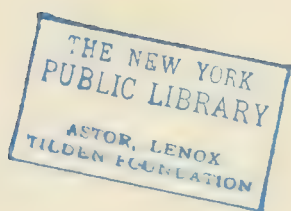
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### HON. JOSEPH WARREN STEWART.

The salient points in the life record of the Hon. Joseph Warren Stewart are such as have gained for him the respect and good will of his fellow townsmen. He has made a most creditable public record, including service in the thirty-second general assembly and he is even more widely known as one of the most prominent and successful stock buyers of the west. His is the record of a strenuous life—the record of a strong individuality, sure of itself, stable in purpose, quick in perception, swift in decision and energetic and persistent in action.

Mr. Stewart was born in Dearborn county, Indiana, September 6, 1846, and is a son of Archibald K. and Mary Ann (Lawrence) Stewart. The father, a native of Beaver county, Pennsylvania, was born March 23, 1820, and when fifteen years of age accompanied his parents on their removal to Dearborn county, Indiana, his parents traveling westward by boat, while Archibald K. Stewart drove across the country with a four-horse team, taking with him a portion of the household effects. He attained his majority in Dearborn county and was there married to Miss Mary Ann Lawrence, who was a native of that county. They began their domestic life in that locality, where they continued to reside until 1856. In 1852, 1854 and again in 1855, however, Mr. Stewart had made trips to Iowa and on the first occasion purchased two hundred and forty acres of wild and unimproved land five miles east of the city of Washington in Washington county. Two years later he bought a farm of four hundred and eighty acres in Dallas county and in 1855 made investment in a tract of land of three hundred and







J. W. STEWART



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fifty-four acres in Louisa county, to which he removed in 1856. Upon that place he resided until 1865, when he came to Washington county, locating on the farm he had purchased thirteen years before. For about eleven years he was busily occupied with the work of the fields and in 1876 he came to Keota, where he purchased three farms adjoining the town in Keokuk county. Throughout his entire life he depended upon agricultural pursuits as a source of livelihood and the extent and importance of his business affairs brought him a very gratifying measure of success. He was justly numbered among the most prominent representatives of agricultural interests in Iowa. During the Mexican war he raised a company of soldiers and was commissioned its captain but was never called to active service. In his early manhood he affiliated with the Know Nothing party but in later years was a democrat. For many years he acted as president or treasurer of the school board and the cause of education found in him a stalwart champion whose labors in its behalf were effective and far-reaching. He was one of the best known and most highly honored men in this section of the state, his labors being a potent force in the growth and progress of the district along many lines. He died December 19, 1901. His family numbered four sons and five daughters, namely: Arthur E., who is engaged in the stock business at Keota; Archibald K., who is serving as police judge of Des Moines, Iowa; Lee, also a resident of Keota; Joseph Warren, of this review; Lavinia, who makes her home in Keota; Eliza J., who is the widow of A. L. Erdice and resides in Keota; Louie B., the wife of Charles Harter, of Perry, Iowa; Grace, the wife of C. E. Arnold, of Keokuk county; and Sarah D., the wife of Clem Butler, of Oklahoma.

Joseph Warren Stewart spent the first ten years of his life in the state of his nativity and then accompanied his parents on their westward removal to Iowa. His early education, acquired in the common schools of Indiana, was supplemented by further study in the public schools of this state and in the Ainsworth Academy, while later he attended the Iowa City Commercial College. In May, 1867, he started out in life on his own account, making an overland trip to the Pacific coast. He drove a four-mule team through to Walla Walla, Washington, and for two years remained on the coast, teaching school through the winter seasons. In 1869, however, he returned to Iowa by way of the Isthmus route and New York city. After arriving home he engaged in breaking prairie for two summers in Washington county and for many years has been closely associated with the agricultural development and progress of this part of the state, aiding in gaining for Iowa its reputation as one of the foremost producers of grain and stock in all the Union. In 1870 he began buying stock in partnership with E. A. Stone and since that time has been prominently identified with the stock business for several years. He went to Keota in May, 1872, and was associated in business with his two brothers, A. E. and A. K. Stewart, and later with a half brother, Lee, who came into the firm when A. K. Stewart withdrew. They developed an extensive business, shipping as high as six hundred carloads of stock in a year. J. W. Stewart is said to be recognized by eastern stockmen as the leading representative of this department of business west of the Mississippi

river. He is thoroughly conversant with the different grades of stock produced and his opinions are recognized as almost infallible concerning the value of any animal that is upon the market. In 1873 Mr. Stewart purchased land at Keota, becoming owner of ten acres, on which he now resides. In 1872 he built the stockyards, at which time the town contained nothing but the railroad depot and corn fields. As the result of his enterprise and ability the town has steadily developed and stands as a monument to the enterprising spirit of Mr. Stewart. Not only has he been very successful as a dealer in live stock but is also the vice president and one of the directors of the Keota Bank and for a short time was its president.

In 1875 Mr. Stewart was united in marriage to Miss Naomi Stoutner, of Washington county, Iowa, by whom he had eight children, six of whom still survive, as follows: Edith, the wife of George F. McCarty, who is cashier of the Peoples Savings Bank at Delta, Iowa; Grace, the wife of Clarence Lacey, who is cashier at Keota, Iowa; Warren Ray, who is associated with his father in the cattle business; Naomi, who is attending the Iowa State University; Howard K., a high school student; and Arthur D., attending the public schools.

In his political views, Mr. Stewart has been a stalwart democrat since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He has been actively connected with the work of the party and in the fall of 1906 he was the choice of the district for representative to the state legislature, serving in the thirty-second general assembly. He has never been a politician, however, but gave his services from a sense of duty. At all times he is a public-spirited citizen, cooperating in any movement for the general good. His worth is widely acknowledged and without invidious distinction he may be termed one of the foremost men of this part of the state. The extent of his operations as a stock dealer and his ability in that line have gained him wide and deserved prominence and the methods which he has ever pursued in his business career have made his an untarnished name.

#### WILLIAM S. BARTHOLOMEW.

Nature seems to have intended that man shall enjoy a season of rest in the evening of life. In his younger years he is full of hope, energy and ambition and later his activities are guided by the wisdom and experience which his former years have brought. If his labors are well directed he can attain the competence that will enable him in the evening of life to rest from former labor. Such has been the record of William S. Bartholomew, now a retired farmer of Washington who for twenty-two years has made his home in this city although he did not dispose of his farm property consisting of three hundred and twenty-three acres of land, until about five years ago. Since 1845 he has made his home in Washington county, Iowa.

He is a native of Washington county, New York, the day of his birth being March 7, 1832. He represents one of the old families of the Empire

state. His grandfather, Thomas Bartholomew, was a soldier of the war of 1812. He followed the occupation of farming as a life work and spent his last years in New York. When his wife passed away she lacked only a few days of being a hundred years old. During pioneer times in the Empire state they slept in the woods for fear of being killed by the Indians if they remained in their cabin. The maternal grandfather of Mrs. Bartholomew was Cornelius Jones, who was likewise a native of New York and of Welsh descent. Removing westward to Illinois, he spent his last days in Dupage county, that state, passing away near Warrenville, when well advanced in years.

The parents of William S. Bartholomew were Thomas and Sophia (Jones) Bartholomew, both of whom were natives of New York. The father followed farming as a life work and, after his removal to the Mississippi valley, established his home in Dupage county, Illinois, where for many years he successfully carried on general farming. He had served his country as a soldier of the war of 1812 and was granted a land warrant in recognition of the military aid which he had rendered the government. He was twice married, his first union being with a Miss Manville, by whom he had four children but only one is now living—Samuel Bartholomew, a resident of Dupage county, Illinois. After losing his first wife Thomas Bartholomew wedded Sophia Jones and they became the parents of six children, two daughters and four sons, of whom four are now living: Merina, a resident of Geneva, Illinois; Jeremiah, living in Wellman, Iowa; William S.; and Ira, also of Wellman. The father died in Dupage county, Illinois, when about eighty-five years of age and was laid to rest there. His wife survived him for some time and spent her last days in Washington, Iowa, where she died at the age of seventy-eight years. They were both consistent members of the Methodist church and merited the high regard in which they were uniformly held.

William S. Bartholomew spent his youthful days on the home farm in New York to the age of thirteen years, when he began earning his own living, being at that time bound out to work on a farm. When twenty-one years of age he made his way westward to Illinois and took up his abode in Dupage county. There he was married to Miss Amelia Watson and for many years they traveled life's journey happily together but were separated by the death of the wife on the 15th of October, 1871. In their family were seven children, five of whom reached adult age. William Henry, the eldest, now living at West Liberty, Iowa, married Laura Wells and they have nine living children—Annie, John, Bert, Alice, Lillie, Fern, Verne and Morris and Fred, twins. Clara, the only daughter of the first marriage, became the wife of Samuel Wilkins and is now deceased. Edward and Frank have also passed away. Eliphalet, the youngest, is a jeweler of Sigourney, Iowa, and married Flora McMasters.

For his second wife Mr. Bartholomew chose Mrs. Elizabeth Adams, the widow of Moses Adams and a daughter of Richard W. and Nancy (Wadkings) Gwin. She was born April 20, 1845, in a little town then called Flint Hills, but now Burlington, Iowa. Her father was a native of Chester,

England, and a son of William Gwin, who was likewise born in Chester. Coming to America he spent his last days in Tennessee. He at one time owned a number of slaves while living in the south but, becoming convinced that the practice of slavery was wrong, he gave his bondsmen their freedom. His wife bore the maiden name of Mary Arteberry. Their son, Richard W. Gwin, came to America when fourteen years of age and was graduated from the college at Nashville, Tennessee. Prior to his marriage he removed to Orange county, Indiana, and subsequently became a resident of Sangamon county, Illinois, whence he went to Des Moines county, Iowa, and arrived in Washington county, in 1846. Iowa was still under territorial government at that time and many sections of the state were entirely unsettled and unimproved. Mr. Gwin entered a large tract of land, upon which he resided until 1856, when he removed to Kansas, being a resident of that state during the troublous times which preceded the Civil war when the territory was a point of contest between the pro-slavery and antislavery parties. Mr. Gwin was a personal friend of John Brown, the noted abolitionist. He married Nancy Wadkinks, a daughter of John Wadkinks, who was a native of Holland and on coming to America settled in Grayson county, Kentucky. He was a farmer and a country minister of the Hardshell Baptist church. His wife was Anna Bronk, who was also born in Holland. Their daughter, Nancy became the wife of Richard Gwin, and among their children was Mrs. Bartholomew. The father died at Independence, Kansas, in 1878 at the age of eighty-two years, while the mother passed away in 1879 at the age of eighty-one years. They were the parents of sixteen children, of whom the following are living: Jane, Sarah, Eliza, John, Elizabeth, Caroline, Richard, Anna, Martin Van Buren and Walter. By her former marriage Mrs. Bartholomew had three children: John K., married Augusta Koogler and died leaving two children—Willa May and Albert W.; Richard W., a resident of Casper, Wyoming, married Frances E. Kesler, and they have one child, Hazel; Matta is the wife of Grant Hampton, living near Oskaloosa, Iowa, and they have one daughter, Mary D.

Mr. and Mrs. Bartholomew are members of the Baptist church and are people of genuine personal worth, enjoying in large measure the good will and friendship of those with whom they have been brought in contact. In politics Mr. Bartholomew is a stanch republican, having firm faith in the principles of the party yet never seeking nor desiring office. He has served, however, as a school director and the cause of education finds in him a stalwart champion. He may well be called a self-made man from the fact that he started out in life on his own account at the age of thirteen years and has since been dependent upon his own resources. He has displayed unfaltering perseverance and this quality has enabled him to overcome many difficulties and obstacles in his path. Year by year he has worked persistently and energetically and thus in time he has won a substantial competence which now enables him to live retired. He has made his home in Washington county for sixty-four years and is therefore one of its oldest settlers. Events which are to others matters of history are familiar to him by reason of the fact that he witnessed them or participated therein. At the time of his arrival in



the county he bought one hundred and forty acres of land. It was raw and uncultivated and around him stretched the wild prairie, starred in June with a million wild flowers and in December covered with one unbroken sheet of dazzling snow. He broke the sod and in course of time prepared his fields for the planting, and as the years passed the care which he bestowed upon his land made it very productive. As he prospered in his undertakings he added to his holdings until he was the owner of three hundred and twenty acres and every improvement upon it was made by himself. Twenty-two years ago he left the farm and removed to Washington but retained the ownership of the old homestead until five years ago. He now has a fine home at the north edge of the city surrounded by seven acres of land and there amid the comforts of life he is now living, enjoying a rest which he has truly earned and richly deserves.

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### W. J. MORROW.

W. J. Morrow, a representative citizen and prosperous agriculturist of Washington township, where he tills one of the finest farms in this locality, is a native of New York state, born in Castile, February 25, 1865, a son of Charles and Mary Elizabeth (Clute) Morrow. The father was born in Livingston county, New York, and came to this county in June, 1869, locating where his son W. J. now resides. Here he lived, devoting his time to agricultural pursuits, until death terminated his activities February 6, 1906, at the age of sixty-nine years, his remains being interred in Elm Grove cemetery. His wife, who was also a native of New York state, their marriage being celebrated in Livingston county, still survives and makes her home with the subject of this review. To her were born four children: Hiram, a resident of Chicago, Illinois; W. J.; Ella M., the wife of William R. Crawford, an agriculturist of Ainsworth, Iowa; and Lottie B., the wife of W. J. McCully, residing on a farm in Tingley, this state.

Reared upon his father's farm W. J. Morrow passed through the usual experiences common to the country lad, engaging in the daily routine of agricultural life during the summer months and in the winter season acquiring his education in the district schools. Upon completing his studies he remained upon the home farm and has since engaged in its cultivation. He owns one hundred and sixty acres of land, constituting one of the best farms in this part of the country and upon it he has made every improvement, his premises being provided with an excellent dwelling house, substantial barn, outbuildings and other conveniences with which to make farming a paying proposition. Aside from producing general crops such as hay and the various grains, all of which are of the best quality, he takes an interest in stock-raising, keeping on hand a number of specimens of graded stock from which he breeds, at the same time feeding cattle, many head of which he ships to surrounding markets.

Politically Mr. Morrow is a supporter of the republican party, having given a profound study to the merits of its principles and, being convinced of the feasibility of its policies to preserve the permanent prosperity of the nation and place its financial system on a firm and substantial foundation, during campaigns he is an enthusiastic advocate of its principles and a loyal supporter of its candidates. From boyhood he was reared in the United Presbyterian church, of which he is a member and, his daily conduct being in close keeping with the tenets of this organization, he is a faithful Christian man, whose honesty, sobriety and temperance have won him the respect of all who know him, and he is justly numbered among the representative citizens of the community.

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### WILLIAM W. WILSON.

William W. Wilson cultivates an excellent farm containing three hundred and ninety-six acres in Washington township, this county, upon which he has always resided and his pursuit of husbandry has been so favorable as to enable him to become the owner of considerable valuable real estate and to own stock in a large banking institution. His entire life has been spent on his present farm, where his birth occurred December 16, 1857, his parents being Michael and Catherine (Hood) Wilson. The father was a native of Maryland, born near Cumberland, and at an early day removed with his parents to Somerset, Perry county, Ohio. In 1840 he came to this state and entered land in Mahaska county, subsequently making his home in this county, where he pursued general agriculture until he entered into rest. He died February 9, 1891. His wife, a native of Perry county, Ohio, where they were united in marriage, passed away here in 1906, leaving a family of four children: C. J., an attorney of this county; T. J., who engages in farming in Mahaska county; William W.; and Alice, the wife of Henry Shaver, who is engaged in the furniture business.

William W. Wilson was reared to agricultural life, spending his boyhood days upon his father's farm and the neighboring schools affording him his education. After completing his studies he settled down to farming on the home place, where he has since resided. He owns three hundred and ninety-six acres of land, which is one of the most productive farms in the county and, being provided with a magnificent residence, a substantial barn, good fences and all conveniences with which to pursue the occupation of farming, his place is one of the most desirable in the township and in every particular is suggestive of the thrift and aggressiveness of its owner. He devotes his attention to producing general crops, at the same time taking an interest in stock raising, and he keeps on hand a number of specimens of the best breeds of cattle, sheep and hogs, which he ships.

On February 28, 1883, Mr. Wilson was united in marriage to Miss Emma Ream, and they have two children: Charles R., who lives with his parents; and Anna, a pupil in the Washington high school. As to his political affil-

iations Mr. Wilson has always voted with the republican party, being firmly convinced of the fundamental character of its principles and of the feasibility of its policy to establish the permanent prosperity of the country and place its financial system above the danger of crises. In local affairs he has always taken an interest and is at present serving in the office of township trustee. A member of the Methodist Episcopal church, he strives to live in harmony with its teachings and is a substantial and honorable citizen, who courts the respect and confidence of all who know him.

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### EZRA H. SMITH.

Ezra H. Smith, the owner of three hundred and sixty acres of finely improved and valuable land in Washington county, was born in Cedar township, this county, on the farm where he now resides, his natal day being February 8, 1855. The parents, Thomas M. and Rebecca (Huntley) Smith, were natives of Pennsylvania and Connecticut respectively. They came to this county in 1852, the father entering a portion of the farm now owned by Ezra Smith. As the years passed by he brought the place under a high state of cultivation and improvement and continued to make his home thereon until 1883, when he took up his abode in the city of Washington, there passing away the following year. His widow was called to her final rest on the 14th of March, 1909, when she had attained the ripe old age of eighty-five years. Their remains lie buried in the Pleasant Plain cemetery. Of their family of eight children Ezra H. Smith, of this review, is the only surviving member, Harriet H., Esther W., Alexander, Eunice S., Mary J., Lucy E. and Malissa H. all having passed away.

Ezra H. Smith enjoyed the advantages of a high school education and continued under the parental roof until he reached his majority. He then rented a part of the homestead farm for a few years and later purchased the same, his place now comprising two hundred and forty acres on section 13, Cedar township. In addition to this he also owns eighty acres in Jackson township, which is a part of the home farm, and forty acres in English River township, his holdings thus embracing three hundred and sixty acres of highly cultivated and valuable land. His property is all tiled and improved with substantial and attractive buildings, while the home place on section 13, Cedar township, is one of the model farms of the twentieth century, its neat and thrifty appearance indicating the supervision of a practical and progressive owner. He is energetic and enterprising in his work and as a result of his labors he has met with a gratifying measure of prosperity, thus being classed with the substantial agriculturists of his native county. His wife owns a third interest in a tract of two hundred and five acres in Jackson township.

On the 26th of April, 1882, Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Eugenia M. Canier, whose birth occurred in Jackson township, Washington county, Iowa, in 1856, her parents being David and Sarah E. (Clark)

Canier, natives of Ohio. In 1856 they came to Washington county, locating in Jackson township, where they purchased land and continued to reside until the time of their demise, David Canier passing away in September, 1889, while his wife's death occurred in September, 1884. Their remains were interred in Pleasant Plain cemetery. In their family were three children, namely: Mrs. Smith, who for six terms prior to her marriage was a successful school teacher; Orlanda S., of Longbeach, California; and Walter H., who is a resident of Boone, Iowa. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Smith have been born four children, as follows: Earl L., whose birth occurred February 1, 1883, and who is on the home farm; one who died in infancy; Walter E., born June 26, 1889, who is at home; and Paul R., who was born April 28, 1894, and died on the 19th of March, 1896.

Mr. Smith is a staunch democrat in his political views and has served on the school board for several years. Both he and his wife hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and are highly esteemed, occupying an enviable position in social circles where true worth and intelligence serve as passports into good society. Throughout their entire lives, now covering more than a half century, they have lived in this county and have long been numbered among its most prosperous, respected and worthy residents.

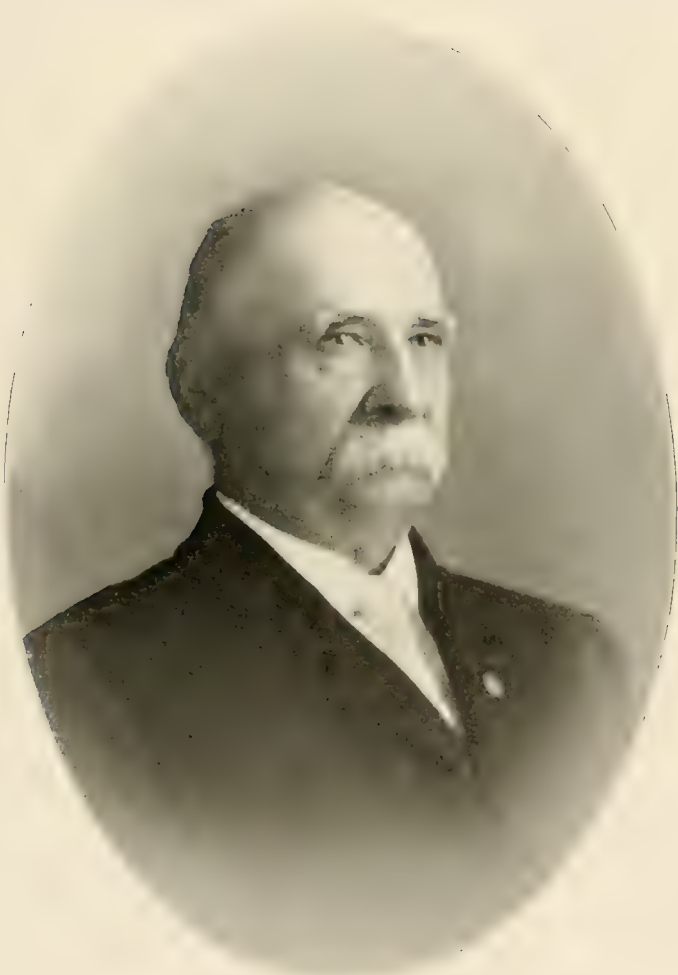
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### FRANK CRITZ.

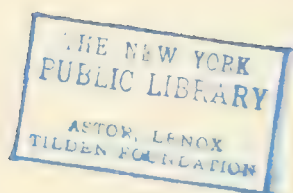
Frank Critz, cashier of the Citizens Savings Bank of Riverside, was born in France, April 12, 1839, a son of Joseph and Magdaline Critz, who were also natives of France. They came to America in 1848, first locating in Lee county, Iowa, and later removed to Washington county, where the father entered one hundred and sixty acres of land in Iowa township. Here he built a little log house, where he and his wife spent their remaining days. In their family were six children, namely: **Mary Ann, the wife of Frank A. Rose**, of Iowa township; John F., deceased; Joseph, residing in Iowa City; Sylvester, of Clarke county, Iowa; Catharine, the wife of G. F. Wieland, a resident of Riverside; and Frank, of this review.

Reared amid the scenes and environments of rural life, Frank Critz acquired his education in a log school house near Richmond, Iowa township, Washington county, and remained on his father's farm until seventeen years of age. He then went to Richmond, where he clerked in a store for two and a half years. At the expiration of this period he went to Iowa City, where he was employed as a clerk until 1861, when he returned to Richmond and purchased a half interest in a mercantile enterprise there. He was thus connected until 1862, when he put aside business and personal interests to aid his country in her hour of need. He enlisted as a member of Company K, Thirtieth Iowa Infantry, and served for three years. He saw much active service and participated in several hotly contested engagements, including the battle of Arkansas Post, the siege of Vicksburg and the battle of Chattanooga. It was at the last named place that he was promoted to the rank





FRANK CRITZ



of lieutenant under General Hooker and during the winter was placed to guard a railroad in Alabama. On the 6th of April, 1864, he was made aide-de-camp on the staff of General Woods and on May 1st started on the Atlantic campaign. He was also with Sherman on the march to the sea and participated in the campaign immediately following, marching northward through the Carolinas to Raleigh, where they stopped for a time, and thence to Washington, where he was mustered out on the 5th of June, 1865. He was then sent to Davenport, Iowa, where he received his final pay. During his term of service he had been severely wounded in the hand.

After the close of hostilities Mr. Critz returned to Richmond, where he became identified with mercantile interests, being thus connected until 1893. The following year witnessed his arrival in Riverside, where he accepted the position of cashier of the Citizens Savings Bank, in which office he is today incumbent. In this position he is proving most capable, discharging the duties that devolve upon him with promptness and faithfulness.

In 1861 Mr. Critz was united in marriage to Miss Mary Dunkel, a native of Iowa City, whose parents were of German lineage. In their family were five children, namely: Albert, traveling for Darts Sons, of Rock Island; Charles H., residing in Washington, Iowa; Eda, deceased; Helen, who has also passed away; and Nettie, the wife of Charles C. Hahn, of Belle Plaine, this state. In 1873 Mr. Critz was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who was laid to rest in the Richmond cemetery. In the following year he wedded Miss Helen Fettweis, a native of Iowa City and a daughter of Anthony and Elizabeth Fettweis. By her marriage she has become the mother of three children, namely: Estella, a graduate of Richmond high school, who is now engaged in teaching school; Leo C., assistant cashier in the bank with his father; and Erma, also teaching school.

The family are members of the Catholic church and are well known in the community where they have an extensive circle of friends. In politics Mr. Critz is a republican and served four years as treasurer of Washington county. He is deeply interested in all that pertains to the general welfare and in matters of citizenship is as loyal to his country as when fighting in her defense upon southern battlefields. Though born across the water he is thoroughly American in spirit and interests and the town of Riverside numbers him among its substantial and valued residents.

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#### S. E. BISHOP.

S. E. Bishop, deceased, was for many years actively and successfully identified with the agricultural interests of Washington county, owning and operating an excellent farm in Cedar township. His birth occurred in Indiana on the 19th of March, 1828, his parents being William G. and Rebecca (Briggs) Bishop. In 1867 he came to Washington county, Iowa, purchasing a farm of one hundred acres on section 8, Cedar township, where his widow resides, though she now owns one hundred and eighty acres. Here he was

engaged in the work of general farming until the time of his demise, meeting with a gratifying measure of success in his undertakings by reason of his capable management and untiring industry.

As a companion and helpmate on the journey of life Mr. Bishop chose Miss Mary E. Livingston, who was born in Dearborn county, Indiana, September 12, 1833, her parents being A. D. and Elizabeth (Durham) Livingston. Mr. and Mrs. Livingston, who passed away in Illinois and Missouri respectively, had a family of eleven children, of whom Mrs. Bishop is now the only surviving member. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Bishop were born nine children, six of whom are still living, namely: A. D., a resident of Denver, Colorado; George W., at home; J. A., who makes his home in New Hampton, Iowa; Warren L., of Wellman, Washington county; Katherine L., who is a nurse at Washington, Iowa; and Agnes E., the wife of Robert Reardon, of this county.

The death of Mr. Bishop occurred on the 22d of August, 1901, his remains being interred in the Lexington cemetery. His loss was the occasion of most deep and widespread regret throughout the community where he had lived for so many years and where all who knew him honored and respected him. Mrs. Bishop is a devoted and valued member of the Methodist church and has the warm regard and esteem of many friends, her excellent traits of heart and mind having endeared her to all with whom she has come in contact. She is a well preserved woman for one of her years, still retaining many of her faculties unimpaired.

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#### D. J. EICHELBERGER.

A soldier at eighteen years of age, a representative farmer and merchant for many years, and now living retired in a pleasant home in Washington, the salient points in the life record of D. J. Eichelberger have been such as to win for him the good will and confidence of all with whom business or social relations have brought him in contact. He was born in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, October 17, 1845, and is a son of Jacob and Catharine (Eberly) Eichelberger, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. The father was an engineer and died while in the prime of life, leaving a widow and five small children. Mrs. Eichelberger was born March 6, 1816, in Pennsylvania. Some time following the death of her first husband she gave her hand in marriage to Samuel Cocklin, the wedding being celebrated in March, 1859. On the 7th of April following, they removed to Washington county, Iowa, first locating in Brighton township, where they lived for a time, while later they removed to Marion township, where they resided until the death of Mrs. Cocklin on the 2d of October, 1883. She was a member of the Christian church and a lady of splendid qualities, her sterling traits of heart and mind endearing her to all with whom she came in contact.

By her first marriage she had the following children: John C., who was born August 3, 1837, and is now in the Soldier's Home in California; Wil-



liam H., who was born September 27, 1838, and died in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, January 3, 1892; Mrs. Catharine Bishop, who was born February 6, 1842, and is living in Washington, Iowa; Mrs. Sarah J. Donevan, who was born December 10, 1843, and is now a resident of Des Moines, Iowa; and David J., of this review. Three of the sons were soldiers of the Civil war. John C. enlisted in May, 1861, as a member of Company H, Second Iowa Infantry, in response to the call for three months troops, but the time of enlistment was later changed to three years. He afterward reenlisted in Hancock's Reserve Corps, in May, 1865, and served for one year. William H. Eichelberger joined Company H, of the Seventh Pennsylvania Reserves for three years and was taken prisoner at the battle of the Wilderness, in Virginia, in May, 1864, a few days before the expiration of his term. He was incarcerated in Libby prison and also at Salisbury, North Carolina, and was paroled in February, 1865.

D. J. Eichelberger, whose name introduces this review, pursued his education in the common schools in Pennsylvania and completed the course in this county following the removal of the family to the west. Later he engaged in teaching school for twelve terms, but in the meantime, in February, 1864, when President Lincoln issued a call for more men Mr. Eichelberger, although a youth of but eighteen years, offered his services to the government, becoming a member of Company I, Thirteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He remained with that regiment until the 22d of July, when he became ill and was sent to the hospital, where he remained for three months. He was then granted a furlough and returned home to recuperate. While he was at home Sherman started on his march to the sea and when Mr. Eichelberger was able he reported to General Thomas, at Nashville, and participated in the hotly contested battle near that city, where the Union troops won a notable victory over the Confederate forces under General Hood. From Nashville Mr. Eichelberger proceeded to Morehead City, North Carolina, and participated in the battle of Kingston, in that state. He rejoined his regiment at Goldsboro, North Carolina, and with that command moved on to Raleigh and was afterward at Durham Station, where Johnston surrendered. From that point the regiment went north to Washington and participated in the Grand Review in that city, the most celebrated military pageant ever seen in the western hemisphere. The regiment was then sent to Louisville, Kentucky, where it was mustered out July 20, 1865. Mr. Eichelberger received his honorable discharge at Davenport, Iowa, on the 28th of July.

Returning home at the close of the war Mr. Eichelberger resumed the occupation of farming in Washington county and was continuously identified with general agricultural pursuits until the fall of 1883, when he was elected county auditor. His prompt and faithful discharge of his duties during his first term led to his reelection in 1885. The people always found him an accommodating official, systematic in his work and loyal to the trust reposed in him. In politics he has ever been a stalwart republican although not a radical partisan, and at local elections he frequently casts an independent ballot. At the close of his second term as county auditor he turned his attention to commercial interests, establishing a grocery store, which he conducted

until a recent date when he retired to private life and is now enjoying the fruits of his former toil in well earned rest.

In 1867 Mr. Eichelberger was united in marriage to Miss Anne L. Essley, who was born in this county, September 20, 1848, and is a daughter of William L. and Estavilla (Custer) Essley. Her father is still living in Washington at the very venerable age of ninety-two years. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Eichelberger have been born three children: William L., now living in Washington; Kitty Irene, deceased; and Bessie May, who is now the widow of Antony Fritz and resides at home with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Eichelberger and their daughter occupy a fine residence in the city of Washington and he also owns a valuable farm of eighty acres on section 36, Washington township, and also a residence in the village of Kalona. His life of well directed activity has brought him substantial success as the years have gone by, his energy and careful management of his affairs gaining for him a gratifying measure of prosperity. He is an influential and representative citizen of the county and one who merits the high regard in which he uniformly is held.

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#### A. L. WHITE.

A. L. White is the owner of one of the fine farms of Lime Creek township, his land covering portions of sections 17 and 18. He now has two hundred and forty-two acres of Iowa's rich and productive soil, in the midst of which stands a beautiful country residence, commodious in its dimensions and of an attractive style of architecture. In the rear and to the side of the house are three large barns and upon the place are all other necessary out-buildings in which to protect grain, stock and machinery from the inclement weather. The farm altogether presents a most attractive and well kept appearance and Mr. White is, therefore, numbered among the progressive agriculturists of this region.

A native of Ohio, he was born in Sciota county on the 22d of December, 1847, and is the eldest in a family of four children, whose parents were Columbia and Jerusha (Emery) White, both of whom were also natives of Ohio. Thinking to enjoy still better business opportunities west of the Mississippi river, the father brought his family to Iowa in 1853 and, choosing Washington county as the place of his residence, he settled in Lime Creek township, where he entered a claim of forty acres from the government, Franklin Pierce signing the deed, and he also purchased of William Mied three hundred and twenty acres, which Mied had entered. Not a furrow had been turned or an improvement made upon the place. He at once built a little log cabin in which to shelter his family, occupying that primitive dwelling for four or five years when a more commodious residence was erected. Upon the original forty-acre tract A. L. White still lives. With characteristic energy the father began tilling the soil and in course of time brought his fields under a good state of cultivation. He passed away in 1892 at the age

of sixty-six years, his birth having occurred in 1826. His wife, who was born in 1829, died in 1868. In their family were four children: A. L., of this review; Oliver and Madoria E., both of whom are now deceased; and Ira, who is in Idaho.

A. L. White is indebted to the public-school system of this county for the educational privileges which he enjoyed in his youthful days and which prepared him for the practical and responsible duties of life. He was married at the age of eighteen years to Miss Rebecca Lewis, who was born in Madison county, Ohio, December 28, 1846, and is a daughter of John and Sarah (Hill) Lewis. Her mother was a native of Maryland, while her father was born in Ohio. After living for some years in the latter state, they came to Iowa in 1851 and took up their abode on a farm eight miles north of Washington. Two years later they removed to Jefferson county, but eight years thereafter returned to Washington county and spent the rest of their days in the county seat, where both died and are buried. Their family numbered nine children. The father gave his attention to farming in order to support his family, but in 1864 was called to his final rest. His widow survived him for about fifteen years and passed away in 1879.

For a year after his marriage A. L. White rented and cultivated the old homestead and at the end of that time his father gave him one hundred acres. To this he subsequently added by purchase a tract of eighty acres and now has an excellent property of two hundred and forty-two acres, which he has greatly improved until the place today displays all of the conveniences, accessories and equipments of the modern farm of the twentieth century. He has erected a fine residence, good barns and sheds and his farm, which is pleasantly and conveniently located on sections 17 and 18, Lime Creek township, five miles west of Wellman, is regarded as one of the attractive and valuable properties in this portion of the county. Mr. White practices the rotation of crops that he may keep his soil in good condition and make it bring forth rich harvests. He also is engaged quite extensively in breeding Galloway cattle and has had some of the finest stock of this kind in Iowa. The farm is known as the **Waver Lawn farm**.

While Mr. White has carried on his farming interests in a manner leading to success Mrs. White has carefully managed the interests of her own household. In her younger days she engaged in teaching school and is a lady of liberal culture. She has carefully reared her family of seven children, who are now a credit and honor to their name. The record of the family is as follows: Lily M., now the wife of Louis Mattess, who is located in Des Moines, Iowa; Olive E., the wife of Henry Mattess, a resident farmer of this county; Agnes E., the wife of Clark Wakelee, who is living in the state of Washington; Laura, deceased; Bertha L., the wife of John Glanz, of this county; Guy C., now an attorney-at-law in Hammond, Indiana; and J. E., at home.

The parents are both members of the Christian church and endeavor to shape their lives in accordance with its teachings and its ideals. For forty-three years they have traveled life's journey together, sharing with each other its joys and sorrows, its adversity and prosperity. Taking all in all,

the joys and the prosperity have exceeded the other and they have reason to feel content with what they have accomplished. The hospitality of the best homes of the community is accorded them, but it is no greater than the hospitality of their own home which is graciously extended to their many friends.

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### J. N. EYESTONE.

J. N. Eyestone, owning a highly improved and valuable farm of two hundred and forty acres on section 10, Cedar township, was born in Indiana on the 18th of August, 1841, his parents being John and Alice (Armarost) Eyestone, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. The father, who was a merchant, removed to Indiana at an early day and in 1845 came to Washington county, Iowa, entering land in Cedar township. Here he continued to reside until called to his final rest in June, 1876, his death being the occasion of deep and widespread regret. His wife, surviving him for nine years, passed away in June, 1885. Their family numbered fourteen children, four of whom are still living, namely: Martha J., the wife of Julius A. Heider, of East Chicago; J. W., who is a resident of Mount Vernon, Iowa; Mary E., the wife of J. W. Moore, of Des Moines, Iowa; and J. N., of this review.

J. N. Eyestone obtained his education in the common schools and remained under the parental roof until the time of his marriage. He then purchased a part of the old homestead farm, which he has since continued to cultivate and improve, meeting with a most commendable and well deserved measure of success in his agricultural interests. His holdings now comprise two hundred and forty acres of rich and productive land in Cedar township, and he is widely recognized as a substantial, enterprising and progressive citizen of the community.

In 1882 Mr. Eyestone was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary E. Crumpacker, whose birth occurred in La Salle county, Illinois, in 1858, her parents being J. R. and Katherine (Boston) Crumpacker, the former a native of West Virginia and the latter of Ohio. The year 1863 witnessed the arrival of Mr. Crumpacker in Jackson township, Washington county, where he made his home until his death, which occurred on the 19th of March, 1888. The demise of his wife had occurred on the 2d of October, 1884. They had two children: C. B., living in Taylor county, Iowa; and Mrs. Eyestone, who taught school for six terms prior to her marriage. Unto our subject and his wife have been born five children, as follows: Winn W., whose birth occurred February 7, 1884, and who is now married and lives in Washington county; Charles L., born May 17, 1887, who operates the home farm; Alice, born October 22, 1890, who is attending school at Mount Vernon; Arthur B., whose natal day was July 14, 1892, and who is also attending school at Mount Vernon; and one who died in infancy.

In his political views Mr. Eyestone is a stanch republican and an active worker in the local ranks of the party. He has served as constable, supervisor and also as school director for a period of twenty years, ever discharg-



ing his official duties in a most capable and efficient manner. Both he and his wife belong to the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he has acted as steward for twenty-five years. Almost his entire life has been passed in Washington county, and the spirit of enterprise and rapid accomplishment which has been dominant in the upbuilding of the middle west has been manifest in his career, making him an able and successful farmer of the community. He is interested in all that pertains to general progress and improvement and has given his cooperation to many movements for the public good.

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### JOHN EDWIN BOVEE.

John Edwin Bovee, who is conducting a profitable drayage and transfer business in Washington, was born in Johnson county, Iowa, about six miles from Iowa City, July 16, 1866, and is the younger of two children, his sister being Lottie H., now the widow of G. H. Norton. Their parents were Henry and Rachel Ann (Huskins) Bovee, the former born near Rochester, New York, and the latter in Uniontown, Pennsylvania. The Bovee family is of French origin and was founded in America by the grandfather of our subject who, on coming to the new world, engaged in farming about six miles from Rochester. His family numbered eleven or twelve children. The maternal grandfather of John E. Bovee was Richard Huskins, a native of Pennsylvania who, during the greater part of his manhood, was actively connected with public office. For many years he acted as clerk of the supreme court of Pennsylvania. Coming to Iowa he entered land from the government in Johnson county and improved a farm upon which he reared his family of thirteen children. His wife bore the maiden name of Charlotte Wells and they celebrated their golden wedding while visiting in Washington. Their last years, however, were spent in Johnson county, Iowa, where they passed away at an advanced age.

Henry Bovee, the father of our subject, came to Iowa prior to the Civil war and settled in Johnson county, where he was living at the time of the outbreak of hostilities between the north and the south. Responding to the country's need he enlisted as a member of Company F, Twenty-second Iowa Volunteer Infantry, with which he served for three years. He went to the front as a private and returned as a sergeant. In the siege of Vicksburg his company was the first that passed the walls of the fort when it surrendered. He participated in the battle of Cedar Creek, was at Lookout Mountain, Pittsburg Landing and in the Atlanta campaign, after which he went with Sherman on the memorable march to the sea and later participated in the grand review in Washington, D. C. After the war he returned to Johnson county, Iowa, where he engaged in farming for several years and then removed to Washington, Iowa, in 1872. For about thirty years he was here engaged in draying and his death occurred in May, 1903, when he was seventy-one years of age. His wife died November 25, 1907, at the age of

sixty-six years. They attended the Methodist church of which Mrs. Bovee was a member and they were highly respected throughout the community.

John Edwin Bovee was only six years of age when brought by his parents to Washington and in the public schools he pursued his education, passing through consecutive grades until he entered the Washington Academy. On putting aside his text-books he secured a clerkship in a dry-goods store where he remained for seven years and later he spent two years in California before his marriage. He afterward engaged in the dry-goods business on his own account at Columbus Junction for a year and a half. While in business there Mr. Bovee was married on the 12th of June, 1890, to Miss Bessie Babcock, a daughter of Nathan L. and Ophelia (Smith) Babcock. Mrs. Bovee was born in Washington county and her father was a native of the state of New York. He became one of the early settlers of southeastern Iowa and engaged in farming in Jackson township, but for a number of years past he and his wife have lived in Washington, from which point he superintends his farming interests. They became the parents of seven children, of whom three are living: Ola, wife of A. R. Miller; John A., of the Union Stockyards of Chicago; and Josephine. Mr. and Mrs. Bovee became the parents of four children: Charlotte, who died in infancy; Edith; Nathan Henry; and Bessie. The wife and mother died January 16, 1906, at the age of thirty-eight years, in the faith of the Methodist church, of which she was a devoted member. Mr. Bovee belongs to Orion Lodge, No. 118, K. P., and to the Modern Woodmen of America. For four years he has represented the second ward in the city council and is loyal to the best interests of the city, giving his aid and influence to promote its welfare along many lines. He now resides at No. 714 North Second avenue, where he erected a good residence in 1897 and he also owns two other houses in Washington. His life has been that of a busy, active man who realizes that in his individual labor lies the source of all genuine and worthy success.

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#### F. W. HAGIST.

Among the representative citizens of Seventy-Six township who are devoting their lives to the tilling of the soil and in their efforts are meeting with substantial success, is F. W. Hagist. A native of Bureau county, Illinois, he was born October 24, 1861, a son of George and Wilhelmina (Mahlin) Hagist, both natives of Germany. The parents were reared in the fatherland and after their marriage came to the new world, settling in Bureau county, Illinois. In 1867 they removed to Keokuk county, Iowa, where the father secured a section of land, for which he paid nine hundred dollars. He devoted his remaining days to the cultivation and improvement of this property, and here passed away in 1908 at the age of eighty-two years, while his wife was called to her final rest in 1906 when seventy-six years old.

The early years of F. W. Hagist were passed in his parents' home and in the acquirement of an education in the common schools of the neighbor-



MR. AND MRS. F. W. HAGIST





hood, while the periods of vacation were devoted to the work of the fields. He remained on his father's farm until he attained his majority and assisted in the work of cultivation and improvement, becoming familiar with the best methods of plowing, planting and harvesting, so that he was well able to take charge of a place for himself when, having reached his twenty-first year, he rented a farm and engaged in agricultural pursuits on his own account. He remained on this place for three years and then, in March, 1889, he purchased the farm upon which he now resides. It consists of one hundred and seventy-six acres of land in Seventy-Six township and when the property came into his possession he had not a dollar to pay down on it. With characteristic energy and determination, however, he applied himself to the task of tilling the soil and year by year he prospered in his undertaking until, at the present time, the farm is not only entirely paid for but the owner is classed among the substantial and influential farmers of his community. He has given his attention entirely to agricultural pursuits, and aside from his home farm he rents considerable land, being one of the most extensive operators in this section of the county.

In 1888 Mr. Hagist was united in marriage to Miss Maggie B. Smith, a native of Keokuk county, this state, and unto them were born eleven children: Florence Ethel, Amy R., Everett E., Virgil W., Flavious F., Flossie P., Vera G., Lela M., Merle C., Mable L. and Donald G. All of the children are at home with the exception of the eldest, Florence Ethel, who is now the wife of George Stoutner and resides in Seventy-Six township.

Mr. Hagist is staunch in his advocacy of the principles of the republican party, but the honors and emoluments of office have had no attraction for him, preferring as he does to devote his entire time and energies to his private interests which, under his capable management and careful direction, are returning to him substantial annual profits. The salient characteristics in his business career have been indefatigable industry and unfaltering determination, and the success which he today enjoys ranks him among the prosperous and progressive representatives of Washington county.

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#### MRS. M. E. KIBURZ.

Mrs. M. E. Kiburz is a representative of one of the old families of Iowa. She was born in Canton Graubuerden, Switzerland, in 1861, her parents being John A. and Catherine Ambuehl. Her father is a retired farmer of Jones county, Iowa, and has now attained the age of seventy-five years. Mrs. Ambuehl, however, died in 1897 at the age of sixty-five years. They were the parents of eight children: Ursula, now deceased; Elizabeth, the wife of Rev. Janette, of Wisconsin; Catherine, the wife of Nicholas Baer; George, a resident of Jones county, Iowa; Mrs. Kiburz; Andrew, living in Jones county, Iowa; Dorothy, the wife of Jacob Ardueser; and one who died in infancy.

Mrs. Kiburz spent her girlhood days in her parents' home and in early womanhood gave her hand in marriage to John Rauche, who was born in Chicago, Illinois, and with his parents came to Iowa at an early date. He devoted his time and energies to teaching school until his health failed him and he then went abroad, hoping that he might be benefited thereby. He made a trip to Switzerland, where his death occurred. He left his widow and two daughters, Laura K. and Elizabeth D. The former is now the wife of Alford Moore, a resident of Jones county, Iowa, and is a graduate of the Monticello, Iowa, high school, while for six years after her graduation she engaged in teaching. Elizabeth is the wife of S. E. Johnston, now a resident of St. Paul.

Following the death of her first husband Mrs. Rauche gave her hand in marriage to Edward Kiburz, a son of Samuel and Hannah Kiburz, both of whom are now deceased. Edward Kiburz is employed by the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad Company, having for more than twenty years been foreman of a number of bridge workers. He is an industrious, energetic man and holds a responsible position. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Kiburz have been born five children, but they lost three, John, Catherine and one not named. The surviving children are Onward and Maud L. Mrs. Kiburz owns an interest in a farm in Jones county, Iowa, and also a fine residence in Washington. Mr. Kiburz belongs to the Masonic fraternity in Monticello, Iowa, and attends services at the First Presbyterian church, of which his wife is a member and takes an active and helpful interest in its work. They are well known in the city in which they reside, having here a large circle of warm friends who entertain for them kindly regard and good will.

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#### W. A. WALKER.

No history of Ainsworth would be complete without extended mention of W. A. Walker, who for more than forty years has been closely identified with the commercial, financial and political development of this city. He is the pioneer merchant of Ainsworth and is well known in financial circles as the president of the Ainsworth Bank, while he has long been actively interested in the public affairs of the community.

A native of Tennessee, he was born in Blount county on the 23d of March, 1841, a son of John and Esther (Henderson) Walker. The father was also born in Tennessee and here his entire life was spent. He was a farmer by occupation and an active politician in his day. He gave his allegiance to the democracy until the Fremont campaign, and from that time until his demise was identified with the republican party. A member of the United Presbyterian church, his life was in harmony with its teachings. He came of Scotch-Irish ancestry, his grandfather, in company with two or three of his brothers having arrived in America during early colonial days, presumably taking part in the war for independence. His wife was also a native of Tennessee, where she was reared and married and spent her entire

life. In their family were nine children, namely: D. C., a farmer of Blount county, Tennessee; Malinda E., deceased; Nancy Jane, also deceased; W. A. of this review; F. P., a farmer of Blount county; Anna, the widow of a Mr. Blankenship; Lucinda, the wife of J. W. Keiser; John A., a farmer; and Hester, who has also passed away. The surviving members of the family, with the exception of our subject, all reside in Blount county, Tennessee.

The early life of W. A. Walker was passed in the home of his parents in the acquirement of an education. He attended the common schools of his native state and supplemented his early training by a course of study at the old Washington College, while in 1862 he removed to Louisa county, Iowa, where he spent one year in study. He then engaged in teaching school for one term, but in 1863 he heeded his country's call for aid and enlisted for three years' service as a member of Company F, Twenty-fifth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He took part in many hotly contested engagements, among them being the battle of Atlanta and Savannah, and he was with Sherman on his march to the sea and participated in the campaign immediately following, stopping at Raleigh, North Carolina, for a time, and then proceeding onward to Washington, where he took part in the Grand Review held at that place. He received an honorable discharge in Kentucky and with a most creditable military record returned to his home in Tennessee.

After the close of the war Mr. Walker remained in Tennessee for about a year and a half, this period being spent in further study and in teaching. The fall of 1867, however, witnessed his arrival in Washington county, Iowa, where the winter of 1867-8 was spent in teaching. In the spring of the latter year he came to Ainsworth where, thinking to enjoy better opportunities along commercial lines, he established himself in the drug business in partnership with Dr. Tustisan. This relation existed for about five years, when the latter sold his interest to Mr. Walker, who conducted the enterprise alone until 1881, in which year he admitted Mr. Maxwell to a partnership. After a period of five years, however, he bought Mr. Maxwell out and has since remained alone. In 1904 he sold his drug stock and purchased a supply of general merchandise and in the intervening years his trade has grown to large proportions, his establishment being recognized as the leading general store in Ainsworth, its owner being the oldest merchant in the city. The main building of the store is twenty-two by seventy-six feet and is owned by Mr. Walker. He is up-to-date and progressive in his business methods, while all transactions have been conducted according to the strictest rules of honor and integrity. As he has prospered he has not confined his attention to mercantile interests alone, but has been active along other lines, being one of the organizers of the Ainsworth Bank, of which he is now the president and a stockholder. He has also invested largely in real estate, being the owner of a house and lot in Ainsworth, place of his residence, and he has made other substantial investments.

Happily situated in his home life, Mr. Walker was united in marriage in 1871 to Miss Mary C. Stretch, and unto this union were born four children: May, the wife of E. P. Jeffries, of Washington county; Martha, a resident of Colorado; Malinda; and Grace, who assists her father in the

store. The mother of these children died in 1886 and in 1895 Mr. Walker married Mrs. N. J. (Maxwell) Crawford, the widow of Dr. William Crawford, by whom she had a son, H. G. Crawford, now of Arizona. The Walker family is prominent in the community where they reside and their home is the seat of cordial hospitality that is enjoyed by a large number of warm friends.

Mr. Walker's religious faith is indicated in the fact that he holds membership in the United Presbyterian church, while in his political allegiance he is a republican. He has been called to public office by his fellow citizens and is now acting as township clerk, while for twenty years he served as postmaster of the city. He has always taken a deep interest in all matters pertaining to the general welfare of the community and does all in his power to further the upbuilding and development of the city in which he resides. Without especial advantages at the outset of his career, he has put due valuation upon life's opportunities and utilized his advantages to the best of his ability, and he is now numbered among the worthy and valued citizens of Ainsworth.

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#### HENDERSON MANNERS.

The enterprising little town of Crawfordsville finds in Henderson Manners a prominent and worthy representative of its business interests. He is here conducting a furniture and undertaking establishment, carrying a carefully selected line of goods for which he finds ready sale. He was born in Indiana county, Pennsylvania, a son of G. W. Manners, who was born in Allegheny county, that state, where he resided until 1854, when he removed westward to Iowa, locating in Louisa county. There the father made his home until after the Civil war, when he came to Washington county. He had previously devoted his energies and time to general agricultural pursuits but in this county he put aside business cares and lived retired until his death, which occurred May 15, 1890. He was ever an honest and conscientious man, careful and painstaking in all that he did and was respected by all who knew him. He possessed a jovial and genial disposition and displayed those traits of heart and mind which shed around him much of the sunshine of life. When he passed away his remains were laid to rest in a cemetery near Wyman. His wife, Jane Gray, was also a native of Indiana county, Pennsylvania, where they were married on the 11th of May, 1826. Her death occurred in Louisa county, Iowa, on the 1st of March, 1865, and her remains were interred in the cemetery near Wyman.

The family of this worthy couple numbered nine children: Joseph, who was born April 11, 1827, enlisted in 1861 and served for three years as a member of Company C, Eleventh Iowa Infantry, after which he returned to this state and here resided until his death on the 13th of November, 1903; James G., born August 6, 1828, died on the 17th of July, 1849; Sarah, born April 9, 1830, passed away May 4, 1852; Margaret T., born August 29,



1831, died on the 14th of April, 1857; Hannah M., born December 18, 1838, died June 16, 1845; John, a twin brother of Hannah, passed away June 25, 1903; Henderson, the subject of this review; Isabel, born April 1, 1842, died October 19, 1861; and William A., born November 11, 1845, enlisted as a member of Company C, Eleventh Iowa Infantry and served until the close of hostilities, after which he became a resident of this state and departed this life October 7, 1904. Having lost his first wife the father married again on the 21st of December, 1869, his second union being with Mrs. Margaret N. Cowden.

No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of the uneventful life of the farm boy in his youth, and while spending his minority in his father's home, Henderson Manners attended the common schools, although his privileges in that direction were somewhat limited, as the school system had by no means reached its present state of perfection in Iowa. He engaged in teaching school for a short time, devoting most of his attention to the work of the farm, until after the outbreak of the Civil war. About that time he obtained a position as clerk in a general store in Davenport, Iowa, but soon offered his services to the government, enlisting as a member of Company I, Forty-fourth Iowa Infantry, in 1864 in response to the call for troops to serve for one hundred days. On the expiration of this term he again took up his abode in Davenport and resumed his old position, there remaining until 1866. He afterward spent a short time as a clerk in a store in Crawfordsville but later ill health forced him to abandon the business and he then entered the employ of an insurance company. In the spring of 1867 he went west but in the fall of that year returned to Crawfordsville and secured a clerkship in a grocery store. A year later he purchased the business from his employer and conducted it successfully for two years, after which he sold out. He then clerked in a general store for two years and subsequently entered the grocery business in connection with his brother. Afterward they added a stock of general goods and carried on a business in that line until 1890 or 1891, when Mr. Manners turned his attention to the furniture business. He had already established an undertaking business in 1877, and he added his stock of furniture while acting as postmaster of Crawfordsville, which position he filled for ten years. He is now senior partner of H. Manners & Son, and they carry a large and well selected line of furniture adequate to meet the varied tastes of the public. Mr. Manners is also a licensed embalmer and has been engaged in the undertaking business for thirty-two years, being the oldest in this line in the county.

On the 19th of October, 1869, occurred the marriage of Mr. Manners and Miss Josephine Cowden. They became the parents of five children: William G., who was born October 9, 1870, and is now living in Hubbard, Iowa, where he is well known as the editor of the Monitor; Mary, at home; Alice, the wife of W. P. Davidson, a hardware merchant of Crawfordsville; Harry A., who died July 14, 1893; and Nellie J., at home. The wife and mother departed this life May 19, 1899, and her death was deeply regretted by many friends who entertained for her a warm regard because of her many excellent traits of character.

In his political views Mr. Manners has been a stalwart republican since age conferred upon him the right of franchise, always supporting the organization which has been the party of reform, progress and improvement. For sixteen years he filled the office of township clerk, for fifteen years was secretary of the school board and for two years was justice of the peace. He served as the first mayor of Crawfordsville, filling that position for three consecutive years. He discharged the duties of these positions in a most prompt and conscientious and painstaking manner and his reelection was proof of the trust reposed in him by his fellow townsmen. He is a member of the Grand Army Post of Crawfordsville and since 1886 has been an elder in the United Presbyterian church in which he holds membership. His has been a useful, active and well spent life and his success is the visible evidence of his business thrift and enterprise.

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#### S. G. WOOD.

S. G. Wood, a well known and substantial citizen of Brighton, is now living retired in the enjoyment of the fruits of his former well directed labor and capable management as an agriculturist. He was born in Miami county, Ohio, on the 17th of November, 1842, his parents being Stephen and Eliza (Mount) Wood. The father, a native of New York city, there resided until he had attained man's estate, when he went to Ohio, where he was married and made his home until 1845. In that year he removed westward, locating in Jefferson county, Iowa, where he resided until called to his final rest in 1851, his remains being interred in the Brighton cemetery. While living in his native city he had followed the carpenter's trade but in Ohio and Iowa gave his attention to general farming and was widely recognized as a progressive and enterprising agriculturist. Politically he was a whig, while his religious faith was indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. His wife, whose birth occurred in New Jersey, passed away in couple were born nine children, as follows: Helen, Charles, Jeremiah, Susan, 1866 and was also laid to rest in the Brighton cemetery. Unto this worthy all of whom are deceased; John, who defended the interests of the Union as a member of Company K, Thirteenth Iowa Infantry, and after one year's service died at Jackson, Tennessee, as the result of exposure; E. W. and Jeremiah (the second of that name), both deceased; Martha Jane; and S. G.

In the acquirement of an education S. G. Wood attended the common schools of Jefferson county and of Brighton. He was a pupil in the first schoolhouse that was established in his district, the little "temple of learning" being a log structure with slab seats and other primitive furnishings. He remained under the parental roof until twenty-three years of age and then began farming on his own account in Jefferson county, where he continued as a representative of agricultural interests until three years ago. In addition to the work of tilling the soil he was also engaged in stock raising, making a specialty of hogs, and owing to his untiring industry and excellent busi-

ness ability he prospered in his undertakings as the years went by, at length gaining a competency which obviated the necessity of further toil. His property holdings now include five hundred and ninety acres of rich and productive land in Jefferson county and three hundred and ninety-five acres in Washington county, and his success is all the more creditable by reason of the fact that it has been attained entirely through his own efforts, for at the outset of his career his only assets were a stout heart and willing hands. Three years ago he removed to Brighton, erected a commodious and attractive residence and has since been numbered among the substantial and public-spirited citizens here.

In 1866 Mr. Wood was united in marriage to Miss Jane Townsley, whose birth occurred in Miami county, Ohio, September 24, 1844, her parents being Jackson and Margaret (Rodgers) Townsley, natives of Greene and Miami counties, Ohio, respectively. In 1849, the father took up his abode in Washington county, Iowa, and here carried on general farming until called to his final rest in November, 1908, his remains being interred in Brighton cemetery. By his first wife, who passed away in 1851, he had four children, namely: Mrs. Wood; John W., an agriculturist of Ringgold county, Iowa; and two who are deceased. For his second wife Mr. Townsley chose Miss Harriet Lyon, by whom he had two children: Minerva, the wife of Alex Clark, a farmer of Brighton township; and Laura, the wife of Harry F. Smith, who is engaged in the hardware business in Amarillo, Texas. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Wood have been born two children, namely: Margaret, born December 28, 1867, who is now the wife of A. J. Johnson, a farmer of Jefferson county, and has four children, Edgar, Oscar, and Dean and Dan, twins; and E. W., born October 15, 1872, who married Osa Smith, an agriculturist of this county, and has two children, Helen and Charles.

In his political views Mr. Wood is a stalwart republican, believing that the principles of the party are most conducive to good government. Both he and his wife are devoted members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in the work of which they take an active and helpful interest. They have a wide acquaintance in this section of the state and nearly all who know them entertain for them warm friendship and kindly regard.

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#### H. H. BRINNING.

H. H. Brinning, a prosperous and well known agriculturist of Jackson township, was born in Dutch Creek township, Washington county, Iowa, on the 17th of May, 1858, his parents being Henry and Dorothy (Duensing) Brinning, both natives of Germany. In 1842 the father accompanied his parents on their emigration to the United States, the family home being established in Dutch Creek township. Here he built a little log cabin with clapboard roof and lived in the same for several years. At the time of his arrival this part of the state was still largely unsettled and undeveloped and he entered a tract of land from the government for farming purposes.

thus becoming identified with the early upbuilding and improvement of the county. He continued a respected and worthy resident here until called to his final rest in March, 1904, having for more than two decades survived his wife, who passed away February 14, 1882. In their family were seven children, namely: H. H., of this review; Lewis, who is a twin brother of our subject and is also a landowner of Jackson township; Henry, a resident of Cedar township; Christ, who is deceased; John, of Washington county; Mary, the wife of Henry Horning, of Jackson township; and Katherine, the wife of Adam Horning, of Keokuk, Iowa.

H. H. Brinning obtained his education in the common schools and remained under the parental roof until the time of his marriage at the age of twenty-seven years. Subsequently he was engaged in the operation of a rented farm for two years, at the end of which time he purchased a tract of land and in 1892 bought the farm of eighty acres on which he now resides, afterward extending its boundaries by an additional purchase of eighty acres. His property is located on sections 29 and 31, Jackson township, and he has placed many substantial and modern improvements thereon, including a commodious and attractive residence. He has also tiled the land and his farm is well developed, indicating in its neat and thrifty appearance the supervision of a practical and progressive owner.

As a companion and helpmate on life's journey Mr. Brinning chose Miss Mary Horning, a native of Keokuk county, Iowa, whose mother is deceased but her father is living. She was one of a family of seven children and by her marriage has become the mother of three children: Clarence M., Lillie and Mildred.

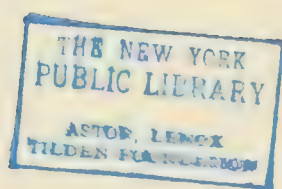
In his political views Mr. Brinning is independent, casting his ballot in support of the candidate whom he regards as best qualified for office. Both he and his wife are devoted and faithful members of the Lutheran church and are prominent socially, having an extensive circle of friends throughout the community. Mr. Brinning has spent his entire life in this county and is therefore familiar with its development from pioneer times down to the present, having aided in the arduous toil which brought about the wonderful transformation that is everywhere apparent in this part of the state.

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### GEORGE W. GRIFFITH.

A century and a half ago George Washington said: "Agriculture is the most useful as well as the most honorable occupation of man." There is in farming none of that intense competition that brings strife or underhand methods in industrial or commercial pursuits. Above all it is the basis of activity and prosperity in every other line of business. George W. Griffith has had much to do with advancing agricultural interests in southeastern Iowa and at one time was the owner of thirteen hundred and eighty acres in Cedar, Jackson and Franklin townships. While he has disposed of much of this land he is now interested in twenty thousand acres in Canada and is the



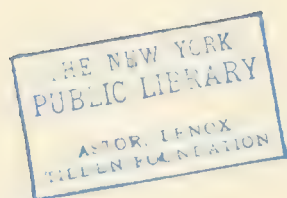




G. W. GRIFFITH



MRS G W GRIFFITH





owner of three sections in Texas. He derives his income from farm properties, giving his time and energies to the management of his invested interests.

He was born in Crawford county, Ohio, January 22, 1844, and is a son of Robert W. and Eleanor (Long) Griffith, natives of Delaware and Pennsylvania, respectively. The former was a son of Paris Griffith, also a native of Delaware as was his wife, Mrs. Sarah (Warren) Griffith, a lady of English descent. Their ancestors were Quakers who came to this country from England with William Penn in 1680. In 1805 they removed from Delaware to Pickaway county, Ohio, where Paris Griffith purchased wild land and developed a farm. He died in that county, April 20, 1828, at the age of fifty-one years and eleven months, his remains being interred in the Salem churchyard in that county. His widow survived him for about fifteen years and died in Crawford county, Ohio, at the age of sixty years.

They were the parents of seven children, including Robert W. Griffith, who was born in Sussex county, Delaware, September 22, 1804, and was reared to manhood in Pickaway county, Ohio. He acquired a limited education in the common schools but, owing to the pioneer conditions which existed in that locality and the fact that his services were needed on the home farm, his educational opportunities were limited. After leaving the parental roof he worked as a farm hand for eight dollars per month but carefully saved his wages and in due course of time was able to purchase land and engaged in farming on his own account. On the 27th of December, 1832, he wedded Miss Eleanor Long, who was born in Northampton county, Pennsylvania, near the Delaware river April 3, 1813, and was a daughter of William and Sophia (Drake) Long, the former of German and the latter of English descent. In 1834 Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Griffith removed from Pickaway to Crawford county, Ohio, settling on what was known as the Sandusky plain, where Mr. Griffith purchased two hundred acres of land and improved a farm. In 1846 he went west to Macon county, Illinois, where he purchased nine hundred and forty acres of land, much of which he leased to other parties. In 1848 he came to Washington county, Iowa, where he purchased a farm of two hundred acres in Clay township and from time to time added to this property until he had seven hundred acres in the township. Continuing he made various purchases in Franklin township until his landed possessions aggregated twenty-five hundred acres, which he afterward divided among his children. Starting out as a farm hand on a meager salary his close application, keen business discernment and careful investment brought him to a place among the extensive landowners and wealthy residents of this part of the state and his life record proves that success and an honorable name may be won simultaneously. He died on the old home place on section 13, Clay township, in 1888 at the age of eighty-four years, while his wife passed away May 13, 1894, at the age of eighty-one years.

They were the parents of thirteen children, five sons and eight daughters and all reached adult age, namely: Elias, who has passed away; Eliza, the deceased wife of Thomas Bain; Samuel, who was killed by a horse in Oklahoma; Mary, the wife of William Hart, of Leon, Iowa; Isabel, the widow of

Thomas Whittaker, of Brighton, Iowa; Jane, the widow of Jacob Engel, of Oklahoma; George W.; Martha, the widow of Wellington Harbaugh; Sarah, a resident of Seattle, Washington; John Q., who died in 1874 at the age of twenty-four years; Harriet, who died April 11, 1895; Robert, living in Brighton, Iowa; and Nellie, the widow of Al Rehkopf, of Seattle, Washington.

George W. Griffith was reared on his father's farm in this county and remained at home until twenty-two years of age. In the meantime he had pursued his early education in the log schoolhouse which his father had built, and later he spent three years as a student in the Brighton high school. In 1867 he went to California by way of the isthmus route, being twenty-two days on the trip from New York to San Francisco. He engaged in the grain business on the Pacific coast and in 1871 returned to Washington county by rail. His father gave him a farm of eighty acres in Franklin township and sold him another of one hundred and sixty acres. There he resided until 1891, when he took up his abode in the city of Washington. In the meantime his capable business management was manifest in the success which attended his efforts and in the extensive investments which he had made. He extended the boundaries of his home farm until it comprised six hundred and forty acres and he also had two hundred and eighty acres to the north of that property; one hundred and twenty acres southeast of Washington; two hundred and twenty acres northeast of the town; and two hundred and forty acres in Cedar and Jackson townships, making thirteen hundred and eighty acres in all. He has since disposed of much of this land and is now interested in twenty thousand acres in Canada. He also bought ten sections in Texas, of which he still owns three sections, so that his landed possessions are yet very extensive. As the work of colonization goes on in the southwest and in the Dominion his land is increasing in value and its sale brings to him a substantial profit.

On the 24th of February, 1874, Mr. Griffith was united in marriage to Miss Juliette A. Humphrey, a daughter of Eli and Lucia (Snow) Humphrey. Mrs. Griffith was born in Wellington, Ohio, near Oberlin. Her father was a native of New Marlboro, Massachusetts, and her mother of Mantua, Portage county, Ohio. The paternal grandfather was Elijah Humphrey, a native of Massachusetts, and his father was one of the soldiers of the Revolutionary war. Elijah Humphrey learned and followed the blacksmith's trade as a life work. He married Hannah Bartholomew and died when more than sixty years of age, while his wife was nearly seventy-five years of age at the time of her death. They were the parents of twelve children, six sons and six daughters: Harry, Sanford, Norman, Eli, Alfred, Horatio, Esther, Maria, Pamela, Elizabeth, Harriet and Cordelia. The last named died at the age of thirteen years. The maternal grandfather of Mrs. Griffith was Franklin Snow, a son of Oliver Snow, who espoused the cause of the colonists at the time of the Revolutionary war and fought for American liberty. Franklin Snow was a native of Massachusetts and made farming his life work. He served his country as a soldier of the war of 1812 as did his eldest son. He lived and died in Avon, Lorain county, Ohio. He married Lydia Alcott and

they were the parents of Mrs. Lucia Humphrey, Benjamin, Lura, Edwin, Rebecca, Lucia, Salmon, Orpheia and Hannah. For his second wife Mr. Snow married Ann Conant and by that union had one daughter, Mrs. Hannah Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Humphrey, the parents of Mrs. Griffith, came to Iowa at an early day, settling in Fairfield, where they remained for two years and then returned to Ohio. In 1855, however, they became residents of Washington county, Iowa, locating in Dutch Creek township, where they made their home upon a farm until 1891, when they removed to the city of Washington, where Mr. Humphrey died in 1895 at the age of eighty-three years, while his wife passed away July 10, 1904, when almost ninety years of age, her birth having occurred September 5, 1814. She was remarkably well preserved for one of her years. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey were three children: Henrietta, who became the wife of Elias Griffith and is now deceased; Mrs. George W. Griffith; and Edwin S. Humphrey.

Mr. and Mrs. Griffith are widely known in this county and enjoy the warm regard of all with whom they have come in contact. They have always displayed many characteristics of genuine worth, hold friendship inviolable and belong to that class of citizens of whom the county has every reason to be proud. Mr. Griffith certainly deserves much credit for what he has accomplished and in all of his business transactions has manifested sound judgment and keen sagacity. He has labored for his success along honorable lines and his prosperity is the direct outcome of unwearied industry and careful investment.

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### E. S. WOLCOTT.

E. S. Wolcott, numbered among the enterprising, practical and progressive farmers of Washington county, was born on the farm in Clay township where he now resides, June 21, 1862. The Wolcotts came from England to the new world during the colonial epoch in the history of this country and Oliver Wolcott was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

Julius E. Wolcott, the father of our subject, was born in Trumbull county, Ohio, and came to Iowa in 1854. Here he entered the employ of Marquis Roberts, whose daughter Orla he afterward married. In course of years Julius E. Wolcott became the owner of the property upon which his son E. S. Wolcott now resides. He purchased this farm at about the time of his marriage from his former employer and father-in-law, Mr. Roberts, and thereon he made his home until his death, save for the period of about a year. At that time he sold the farm but the purchaser was unable to pay for it and Mr. Wolcott had to take it back. He then continued to make his home there until his demise, which occurred in 1905, his remains being interred in Clay cemetery. He was a self-made man who started out in life empty-handed but he realized that industry, diligence and perseverance will eventually win success and by his well directed labors he became one of the substantial farmers of the community, possessing a valuable and productive

property, from which he annually derived a substantial income. At an early day his wife engaged in teaching school in Brighton. She was a representative of one of the old and prominent pioneer families of the county and like her husband was held in the highest esteem by all who knew her. She, too, was born in Trumbull county, Ohio, and their marriage was celebrated in Clay township, Washington county, Iowa. She passed away some years prior to her husband's death, her demise occurring in 1896. They were the parents of two children, the younger being Emma, now the widow of Richard Linn and a resident of Chicago.

The elder, E. S. Wolcott, was reared on the old home place and at the usual age entered the public schools, where he mastered the branches of learning therein taught. His training at farm labor was not meager for his father instructed him in the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. He has always remained upon the old homestead with the exception of about nine years, which he devoted to farming and stock-raising in Arkansas. He is now the owner of one hundred and sixty acres in the home place and also has other land in Clay township, known as the Alter farm, his possessions aggregating altogether three hundred and twenty-six acres. The soil is rich, responding readily to the care and labor which he bestows upon it, and the entire farm is well improved. He makes dairying a special feature of his place and is now the sole owner of the local cheese factory, of which his father was at one time president and manager. The son assumed the management of the enterprise at his death and is now proprietor of the business, which is proving one of the profitable industries of the locality.

In 1884 Mr. Wolcott was married to Miss Emily Alter, a resident of Clay township, and they now have one son, Clarence, who is at home. Mrs. Wolcott's parents, J. R. and Elizabeth Alter, came to Iowa from Ohio in 1860. In their family were twelve children, of whom two died in infancy and one son died in 1904. The family were residents of Pella until 1866, when they came to this county. The mother died in 1906 and was laid to rest in Clay cemetery.

In his political views Mr. Wolcott is a republican and he belongs to the Congregational church, in which he is serving as treasurer. His life is actuated by high and honorable principles, his substantial qualities of manhood gaining him a firm hold on the affection, trust and good will of those with whom he comes in contact.

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#### C. C. GARDNER.

C. C. Gardner, who for ten years has been engaged in the lumber business in Wellman, Iowa, is a native of Washington county, this state, his entire life, with the exception of about four years, having been spent within its borders. A son of A. M. and Susan Gardner, his birth occurred November 19, 1854. His parents were both natives of Franklin county, Ohio, and



the father, coming to Washington county, Iowa, in 1851, bought a piece of land in Seventy-Six township. Two years later he removed his family to this farm and continued to improve the land for several years, bringing the fields under a good state of cultivation. Later he sold the place and purchased another farm in Cedar township, this county, where he resided until 1892, in which year he removed to Washington, Iowa, where he passed away April 30, 1903. His wife still survives and makes her home with her sons, Dr. W. P. and C. C., both of Wellman, and F. P., of Newton, Iowa. In the family were five children but Mary E. and John are both deceased.

C. C. Gardner is indebted to the common schools for his preliminary education and later attended the academy at Washington, Iowa. He then engaged in teaching school during the winter months, continuing in this profession for about six years. In the meantime he had made his home under the parental roof and here remained until he had attained his majority. He then took up agricultural pursuits, renting a farm in Cedar township, where he resided for one year, after which he removed to Smith county, Kansas, where he purchased a farm and resided for four years. At the expiration of this period, however, he sold his place and returned to Washington county, Iowa, where he invested in a farm in Cedar township, which he operated until 1894. Throughout the years of his connection with agricultural pursuits he had met with a creditable degree of success, but thinking that other lines of activity might be more congenial, he sold his farm and in 1894 removed to Wellman, Iowa, where he established himself in the hardware and implement business. He built up a good trade in this connection and was thus successfully engaged until 1899, when he sold out his business and became identified with the lumber trade, conducting a lumberyard in Wellman. He has since devoted his time and energies to this branch of activity and his trade, which has already reached gratifying proportions, is constantly increasing in volume and importance.

On September 17, 1878, occurred the marriage of Mr. Gardner and Miss Florence Tipton, a daughter of B. F. and Lucinda Tipton, of whom extended mention is made on another page of this volume. They were both natives of Ohio and shortly after their marriage removed to Cedar township, Washington county, Iowa, where the father still resides, the mother having passed away March 21, 1900. An extensive landowner and stockraiser, Mr. Tipton acquired a very handsome competence and is today numbered among the wealthy and representative citizens of the county. Moreover, he has been actively identified with political interests here and has represented his district in the state legislature, being the first man of Washington county to be elected for a second term up to that time. He also served on the school board for several years and has ever been found a hearty sympathizer and ready cooperant in all matters pertaining to the material, intellectual, political and moral development of the community.

No child came to bless the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gardner, and so they took into their care the niece of Mr. Gardner, Miss Florence Kirkendall. Coming to them when but thirteen months of age, she became the light and life of the household and has since received all the attention and advantages

that an own child could have. She has had excellent educational opportunities, being now a student at the University of Iowa City.

Mr. and Mrs. Gardner are both members of the Methodist Episcopal church and take a deep interest in all phases of church work, while the former has been superintendent of the Sunday school for twelve years. Well known in fraternal circles, he is a member of blue lodge, A. F. & A. M., at Wellman and also holds membership with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Knights of Pythias of Wellman. Although stalwart in his support of the republican party and desirous at all times for the extension of its influence, he has never aspired to public office as a reward for party fealty, preferring to devote his undivided time and attention to the duties of his business interests. His devotion to the public welfare has, however, remained unquestioned, for in his citizenship he is true and loyal, withholding his support from no measure which has for its object the growth and upbuilding of the city. In all business dealings he has been thoroughly reliable and straightforward, while his personal worth and sterling characteristics have won for him a large number of warm friends during his residence in Wellman.

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#### SYLVESTER BAUER.

Sylvester Bauer, a retired farmer who is now the proprietor of a pool and billiard hall in Riverside, Iowa, was born in Marion county, this state, on the 2d of June, 1858. He is a son of Joseph and Apalona (Miller) Bauer, both natives of Germany. The father, who was born about 1812, came to the United States when twenty years of age, locating in Indiana. He had learned the blacksmith and stone-cutter's business ere leaving the fatherland and during his residence in Indiana, which covered a period of fifteen years, followed those trades. In 1848, however, he removed to Iowa, and located in Newburn, Dallas township, Marion county, where he purchased a Mexican soldiers land warrant of one hundred and sixty acres of land. Upon this farm he continued to reside until his demise, which occurred in February, 1878, conducting a general merchandise store at Newburn in connection with his agricultural pursuits. He had been a lifelong democrat and for several years held the office of justice of the peace, while he and his wife were consistent members of the Roman Catholic church.

Sylvester Bauer was reared under the parental roof and attended the common schools of his native county. The educational advantages which he enjoyed, however, were but meager, being limited to three months' study during the winter seasons, the remaining nine months of the year being devoted to the work of the farm. He assisted his father in the cultivation of the fields, becoming familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil, planting the seed and harvesting the crops, and remained at home until his twenty-fourth year. He was then married, on the 19th of September, 1882, to Miss Mary Wieland, of Riverside, Washington county, after which he rented a farm in Iowa township, this county, which he operated for nine years. In

the spring of 1892 he removed to Warren county, purchasing a farm of one hundred acres in White Breast township, where he remained for ten years, when, in 1902, he returned to Washington county and bought a farm of one hundred and twenty acres four miles southeast of Riverside in Iowa township. He carried on agricultural pursuits on this place for seven years, raising the grains and cereals best adapted to climate and soil, employing up-to-date methods in the cultivation of the fields and installing modern equipment and accessories necessary to facilitate the work of the farm. He became very successful in his enterprise, and in the spring of 1909, feeling that his many years of hard labor justified a rest from further active work, he sold his property and removed to Riverside, where he purchased a residence and has since continued to live comparatively retired. Since coming to this city, however, he has opened up a modern and well appointed billiard and pool room and in connection therewith is conducting a very gratifying and growing business.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Bauer has been blessed with six children, namely: Catherine, the wife of Joseph Knebel, of Washington county; Nellie, the wife of W. M. Knebel, of Johnson county; Hubert, a traveling man; Frederick, engaged in agricultural pursuits in this county; and Bertha and Agatha, still at home. Mr. and Mrs. Bauer are members of the Catholic church, while the former gives stalwart support to the democratic party. Since making his home in Riverside he has made a wide circle of friends, who hold him in high regard and esteem.

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#### IRA C. ADAMS.

Ira C. Adams, engaged in the manufacture of brick, tile and building blocks in Wellman, is a native of Washington county, Iowa, his birth having occurred January 7, 1870. His parents were Joseph and Sarah (White) Adams, natives of Ohio, who came to this county in 1853, locating in Lime Creek township, where Joseph Adams purchased a farm and engaged in general agricultural pursuits. Here the father spent his active life, but in 1893 retired from farming and removed to Wellman. The mother passed away in 1895, while the father survived until 1905. In their family were nine children, namely: John D., deceased; Laura, the wife of Louis For-dice, of Washington county; Jane, also deceased; Ella, the wife of H. P. Carter, a resident of Oklahoma; Electa, the wife of C. W. Carter, residing in Keokuk county, this state; Dora, the wife of C. Mahaffa, of Des Moines, Iowa; Ira C., of this review; Harrison, residing in Oklahoma; and Lucy, the wife of C. E. McArtor, of this county.

Devoting his early years to the acquirement of an education in the common schools of the neighborhood, Ira C. Adams remained with his parents until he attained his majority, when his father gave him a tract of eighty acres of land. He also purchased eighty acres on section 18, Lime Creek township, and this property is still in his possession. He operated this place

for ten years, at the expiration of which time he removed to Oklahoma, where he purchased another farm. Here he resided for three years, but thinking that he might find more congenial labor outside of agricultural pursuits, he sold his farm and returned to Washington county, Iowa, locating in Wellman, where he established a factory for the manufacture of tile, brick and building blocks. He has since been engaged in this branch of activity and his business has now reached gratifying proportions, while the excellence of the manufactured article insures a continued growth in trade. The success which the enterprise is now enjoying is attributable entirely to the ability, capable business management and executive control of Mr. Adams, who now ranks among the prosperous and progressive citizens of the community.

Mr. Adams was married in 1891 to Miss Ida McArtor, a native of Iowa county, Iowa, her birth occurring in 1870. She was a daughter of Frank and Sarah (Barto) McArtor, who were natives of Ohio and Pennsylvania respectively and were married after coming to Iowa. Here the father passed away in 1891, but the mother still survives and makes her home with her children, seven having been born to them. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Adams were born five children: Olive C., who was born July 19, 1892, and died October, 1904; Jessie May, born September 9, 1893; one who died in infancy; Cloyd E., born November 29, 1899; and Maynard L., born November 17, 1908.

Mr. and Mrs. Adams are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which Mr. Adams is serving as a trustee, while in his fraternal relations he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Wellman. He served as a school director for several years in the Fairview district, the cause of education finding in him a stalwart champion, while his political allegiance is given to the republican party. Almost his entire life has been passed in this county and his record is therefore largely familiar to the great majority of our readers. He has never sought to figure prominently in any public light but in business has proven capable and reliable, and his well directed activity is now bringing to him a gratifying measure of prosperity.

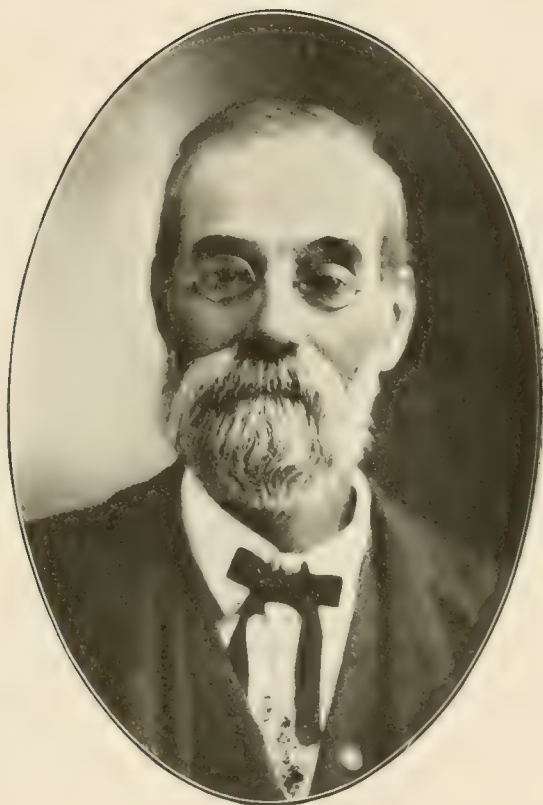
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### J. W. HARPER.

Among the citizens of Washington county who have contributed to its industrial development and in the capable management of business affairs have attained prosperity that now enables them to rest from further labor, J. W. Harper is numbered. He resides in Crawfordsville and his real estate and other sources of income supply him with all of the comforts and some of the luxuries of life. He has now reached the age of seventy-six years, his birth having occurred in Harrison county, Ohio, August 10, 1833.

His parents were Samuel and Cassandra (Cox) Harper. The father was a native of Pennsylvania and in his boyhood days, about 1800, went to Ohio, where he resided until 1849, when death claimed him. He had always followed the occupation of farming and was a substantial agriculturist. His





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grave was made in the cemetery at Cadiz, Ohio. His wife was a native of Jefferson county, Ohio, and they were married in Harrison county, that state. She passed away in 1852 and was laid to rest in the Cadiz cemetery. In their family were eleven children: Mary Ann, now deceased; Nancy, the widow of A. Ross, of Cadiz; Margaret Ann, J. T. and Martha J., all of whom have passed away; J. W.; S. E., who was a member of Company H, Second Iowa Cavalry in the Civil war and is now living retired in Victor, this state; J. T., who was also a member of the same company and regiment and is now proprietor of a hotel in Victor, Iowa; Christopher, who served as a Union soldier in Company C of the Eighth Iowa Infantry and is a harnessmaker at Crawfordsville; and Mary and Ruth, both deceased.

Spending his youthful days in his parents' home, J. W. Harper acquired his education in the district schools of Ohio and remained in that state until 1852, when, attracted by the broader business opportunities of the growing west, he came to Iowa, locating in Crawfordsville. Here he has since resided with the exception of the period spent in the army. He commenced business as a carpenter and contractor and for a long period was closely identified with building interests and erected more structures in Crawfordsville and vicinity than any other man, thus contributing in large measure to the substantial growth and progress of this part of the county. He erected his own home which is a fine residence, standing in the midst of four lots. He likewise has one hundred acres of land in Crawford township and from this property derives a substantial annual income.

On the 15th of April, 1861, Mr. Harper enlisted for service in the Civil war and for three years was with the army, experiencing all the hardships and privations meted out to the soldier. The exposure and rigors of war, however, undermined his health and brought about his honorable discharge in November, 1861. When he had recovered, however, he again joined the boys in blue, enlisting in August, 1862, as a member of Company I, Twenty-fifth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and served for three years. He was then honorably discharged on the 6th of June, 1865, in Washington, D. C. He took part in many important battles, among them being the engagements at Vicksburg and all through the Atlanta campaign. He was a man of valor, fearless when on the battle line and making the long marches without complaint. He never missed a step while in the army. His ability won him promotion until he became captain of Company I, Twenty-fifth Regiment, Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He is now a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and in that organization has held all of the offices.

In 1868 Captain Harper was united in marriage to Miss Agnes Russel, a resident of Washington, who died May 22, 1886. She was a faithful and consistent member of the United Presbyterian church. Unto the Captain and his wife were born four children: S. R., a contractor and builder of Crawfordsville, Iowa; Cassandra Lorinda, deceased; Susy C., the wife of R. A. Bennet, a farmer of Keokuk county; and Frank R., who has passed away.

In his political views Captain Harper was a Douglas democrat before the war and then became a republican, since which time he has served the

grand old party. He filled the office of assessor but has never been an aspirant for political preferment, yet he is never remiss in the duties of citizenship nor fails to give aid to public movements which he deems beneficial to the community. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity in Crawfordsville, in which he has filled all of the chairs, and his brethren of the fraternity entertain for him warm regard because of his fidelity to the teachings and purpose of the order.

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### J. W. HUFF.

Among Washington county's honored dead is numbered J. W. Huff, who spent his entire life in English River township. He belonged to one of the old pioneer families here and his record was at all times that of a progressive citizen and reliable business man who enjoyed and deserved the respect, confidence and good will of those who knew him. He was born in English River township, May 22, 1854. His parents, J. A. and Emma (Moore) Huff, were both natives of West Virginia and established their home in Washington county, Iowa, during an early epoch in its history. They shared in the hardships and privations of pioneer life when this region was a frontier district and as the years went by assisted in the work of promoting public progress and in planting the seeds of civilization on the frontier. The father died in October, 1887. The family numbered six children, of whom the second died in infancy. J. W. Huff was the eldest of the family and the others were: Priscilla A., the wife of F. W. Kessler, of Kansas; Ellen, the wife of W. R. Adams, of Wyoming; J. H., living in that state; and Enzy, now deceased.

A picture of boyhood experiences amid rural surroundings on the frontier would give a faithful representation of the life which J. W. Huff lived through the period of his minority. He worked in the fields through the summer months and in the winter seasons attended the public schools and, after attaining his majority, he took up farming on his own account and to that occupation devoted his energies most assiduously for some time but for the last twenty years of his life conducted a restaurant.

It was on the 7th of August, 1877, that he wedded Miss Mary E. Bunker, who was born in English River township on the 23d of July, 1856. She is a daughter of David and Julia Ann (Hartzell) Bunker. The father was born in North Carolina, October 23, 1810, and was only three years of age when his parents removed from that state to the territory of Indiana, settling in Wayne county. There he resided for about twenty-six years, when in 1839 he came to Washington county, Iowa, settling in Dutch Creek township. The same fall he removed to English River township, establishing his home near Kalona, where he purchased a tract of land. Many years passed by ere all of the land in the county had been entered from the government and at the time of his arrival here the district was but sparsely settled and presented every evidence of frontier life. Mr. Bunker at once took up the task



of tilling the soil and bringing his fields under cultivation. In 1842 he built a mill on the English river and continuously and successfully operated it until his death, which occurred June 26, 1886. Following his demise the mill was operated under the direction of his widow for five or six years. He was numbered among the most prominent and influential residents of the county, took an active part in public affairs and left the impress of his individuality for good upon the community. His early political allegiance was given to the whig party and upon that ticket he was elected county commissioner, in which position he served for two terms. His faithfulness and capability in that office led to his selection for higher political honors and he was the candidate on the whig ticket for the state legislature. Chosen by popular suffrage at the regular election he became one of the prominent and influential members of the general assembly, where he served during the third and fourth sessions, taking an active and helpful part in framing the early legislation of the state and establishing the commonwealth upon a safe and enduring basis. He was also elected as a delegate to the last constitutional convention which met in Iowa City in 1857. When the republican party was formed he took an active interest in promoting the organization and thereafter voted the republican ticket until his death. He was a staunch advocate of the Union cause during the dark days of the Civil war and was ever loyal to the best interests of citizenship. His religious belief was that of the Spiritualist society.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Huff were born three children, of whom one passed away in infancy and another, Viva J., is also deceased. The surviving son, P. J., is at home with his mother. Mr. Huff was a member of Richmond Lodge, No. 96, A. F. & A. M., at Kalona and took an active part in this work, believing firmly in its principles. His life was ever an upright and honorable one and when it was terminated in death the community mourned the loss of a valued and representative citizen. Mrs. Huff now makes her home in Kalona, where she owns a fine residence, and she also has an excellent farm of eighty acres in Johnson county. She is a Spiritualist in religious faith and a firm believer in a Supreme Being, while her creed may be summed up in the Golden Rule, for she ever earnestly attempts to do unto others as she would have them do unto her. She has been a lifelong resident of English River township and the circle of her friends is almost coextensive with the circle of her acquaintance.

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#### W. W. SIGLER.

Prominent among the agriculturists of Washington county, Iowa, whose industry, diligence and perseverance in former years now make it possible for them to enjoy in well earned rest and retirement the fruits of honest toil, is numbered W. W. Sigler, a substantial and well known resident of Seventy-Six township. He was born in West Virginia, his natal day being March 11, 1848, and is a son of John J. and Goldie E. (Fazenbaker) Sigler. In both

the maternal and paternal lines he comes from old and prominent Virginia families. His grandfather, Godfrey Fazenbaker, about the year 1856 purchased the old Mount Washington farm located in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, where he resided for many years. This farm is historic ground, for it was upon this place that Washington, being surprised by the Indians, hastily threw up breastworks which became known in history as Fort Necessity. This interesting property is still in the possession of the family, being owned by Louis Fazenbaker, an uncle of W. W. Sigler.

In the year 1853 John J. Sigler and his wife removed westward to Iowa and after spending a few months in Henry county, this state, they located on the farm in Lime Creek township, Washington county, where Mrs. Sigler, the mother of our subject, still resides. Here the father purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land and entered forty acres adjoining this farm, and upon this place his remaining days were spent, engaged in general agricultural pursuits. He had been, throughout the active years of his life, a local Methodist preacher, and it is probable that, during his residence here, he preached more funeral sermons than any other minister in Washington county. He was a man widely known throughout the county and was dearly beloved wherever known, so that when he was called to his final rest, October 7, 1882, the news of his demise brought a sense of personal loss to his many friends and acquaintances, and through his passing the county lost one of its worthy and honored citizens.

W. W. Sigler was reared under the parental roof and attended the district schools of the neighborhood in the acquirement of his education. He remained on his father's farm until he attained his majority and then for two summers he was identified with breaking the wild prairie. During the second year of his connection with this line of activity he took up ditching and for three years was engaged in operating a ditching machine. In January, 1873, however, desiring that his labors should more directly benefit himself, he, in connection with his brother, George D. Sigler, and his brother-in-law, W. P. Stephens, purchased a farm of one hundred and ninety acres. The following year the brothers bought the interest of Mr. Stephens and together continued to operate the farm until 1880, in which year a division of the land was made, W. W. Sigler retaining seventy acres upon which stood the home buildings. During the intervening years he directed his energies toward the tilling of the soil and soon brought his fields under a high state of cultivation. Success always crowns persistent, unflinching effort, and in due course of time he extended the boundaries of his farm by additional purchase until it now comprises two hundred and seventy acres in one body. It is a well improved farm, with good buildings and annually yields rich harvests in return for the care and labor expended upon it. For the past fourteen years, however, Mr. Sigler has rented the place and has been living in retirement, enjoying the fruits of his former toil. He has not confined his attentions, however, entirely to his agricultural pursuits for he is today a stockholder in the Wellman Savings Bank and also one of the directors of that institution, while his connection therewith is a source of additional financial profit to him.

On October 3, 1881, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Sigler and Miss Henrietta Keye, of Nebraska, and unto them have been born three children, of whom but two still survive: Vernon U. and Alma L., both of whom are yet at home. For nine years Mr. and Mrs. Sigler traveled life's journey together and then, in 1890, the wife and mother was called to her final rest, leaving the grief stricken husband and children to mourn her loss.

Mr. Sigler gives his political allegiance to the democratic party and, although never an aspirant for public office, he is a stalwart supporter of the party principles and exerts his influence at the polls in behalf of its men and measures. He is also known in fraternal circles, being a member of the Knights of Pythias lodge, in hearty sympathy with the beneficent spirit of the craft. He indeed deserves mention among the substantial agriculturists and worthy citizens of Washington county, yet his prosperity is not the outcome of propitious circumstances, but the honest reward of labor, good management, ambition and energy, without which no man can win prosperity.

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#### A. D. CRAIG.

A. D. Craig, successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits in Iowa township, Washington county, now resides upon the farm upon which he was born March 12, 1861. He is a son of Robert and Sarah (Godlove) Craig, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Virginia. The parents came to Iowa in 1854, locating in Iowa township, Washington county, where the father entered the farm now in the possession of A. D. Craig. He built a log cabin which had a clapboard roof, puncheon floor and door and a stick chimney, and in this pioneer dwelling the family resided for about thirty-five years. The cabin was then replaced by a substantial frame house in which Mr. and Mrs. Robert Craig lived until their death, the former passing away November 14, 1902, and the latter on the 20th of April, 1900. In their family were ten children, seven of whom survive, namely: Rachel, the wife of William P. Tansy, of Oklahoma; Josiah, residing in Hastings, Nebraska; William, living in Decatur county, Iowa; Evaline, the wife of Joseph Allen, of this county; Carolina, the wife of Willard Tatman; A. D., of this review; and George H., residing in this county.

Reared upon his father's farm, A. D. Craig attended the country schools of the neighborhood in the acquirement of his early education and remained at home until he reached his majority, when he entered a school at Iowa City, where he remained one year. Then becoming imbued with a desire to see something of life in the far western states, he put aside his textbooks and went west, where he remained for ten years. Upon returning to Washington county, Iowa, he purchased one hundred acres of the old homestead farm, which was situated on section 16, Iowa township, where he has since made his home. He has added many improvements to the place and year by year has carried on the work of the farm, bringing it under a high

state of cultivation and annually gathering golden harvests as the result of the care and labor he bestows upon the land.

In August, 1886, Mr. Craig was united in marriage to Miss Eliza A. Porter, who was born in Davenport, Iowa, March 6, 1867, a daughter of John C. and Scotty S. (Kelso) Porter. Her parents, who are now both deceased, were natives of Ohio and came to Iowa at an early date. Their family consisted of eleven children, of whom seven survive. As the years passed five children came to bless the home of Mr. and Mrs. Craig, namely: Robert C., at home; Sarah S., also at home, who is a member of the Eastern Star and of the Relief Corps; Mary E. and Earnest, both at home; and Bernice Josephine, an infant.

Mr. and Mrs. Craig attend the Methodist Episcopal church, in which faith they were reared, and both hold membership in the Eastern Star Lodge of Riverside, while Mrs. Craig is also connected with the Relief Corps. Mr. Craig is a member of Riverside Lodge, No. 516, A. F. & A. M., while in politics he gives stanch support to the republican party. He is at present serving as township assessor, but otherwise does not seek nor desire public office as a reward for party fealty. He displays keen discernment and sound judgment in the control of his business affairs and his life has been one of continuous activity in which has been accorded due recognition of labor. Having spent almost his entire life in Washington county, he is widely and favorably known and his salient characteristics are such as to inspire confidence, trust and good will in all with whom he is associated.

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#### JOHN F. FRAIN.

John F. Frain, a retired agriculturist residing in Brighton, was born near Indianapolis, Indiana, on the 24th of March, 1853, his parents being James and Lucy (Tinder) Frain. The father, whose birth occurred in Kentucky, removed to Indiana about the year 1848 and came to Washington county, Iowa, in the fall of 1854. He was first employed in the McMartin mills for a year and then located near Dublin, Iowa, where he bought eighty acres of land and made his home thereon for about nine years. On the expiration of that period he purchased one hundred and thirty-six acres near West Chester, Iowa, in Franklin township, residing on that farm until about 1882. Subsequently he lived in Dutch Creek township for several years and then located in Clay township, where he made his home with his son, John F., until the death of his wife in the spring of 1895. His remaining days were spent in the home of his son Anthony, and he was called to his final rest on the 10th of November, 1898, being buried in the New Haven Baptist cemetery. He had long been identified with the agricultural interests of this county and was well known and highly esteemed as a most substantial, enterprising and public-spirited citizen. His wife, who was also a native of Kentucky, was married in that state and, as previously stated, passed away in Washington county, Iowa, in the spring of 1895. Unto this worthy couple



were born seven children, namely: William and Catherine, both of whom died in Indiana; Anthony, a retired agriculturist of Brighton, Iowa; one who died in infancy; John F., of this review; Charles, who follows farming near Keota, Keokuk county, Iowa; and George W., an agriculturist of Dutch Creek township.

John F. Frain attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education and remained under the parental roof until twenty-six years of age, when he started out for himself in this county. At the end of a year, however, he removed to Adair county and afterward to Guthrie county but in the fall of 1883 returned to Washington county and has since remained a respected and worthy resident here. In the conduct of his agricultural interests he has met with a gratifying and well merited measure of prosperity and is now living retired in the enjoyment of the fruits of his former toil. His holdings include eighty acres of land in Clay township, a substantial and commodious residence and two lots, and for more than a half century he has been numbered among the progressive and well-to-do citizens of the county.

Mr. Frain has been married twice. In 1879 he wedded Miss Mary Jones, by whom he had two children: James Lyman, who is now a railroad agent; and Lucy, the wife of Charles Armstrong, a farmer of Clay township. The mother of these children passed away in 1883, her remains being interred in the New Haven cemetery in Dutch Creek township. In 1886 Mr. Frain was again married, his second union being with Miss Josephine McCampbell, a resident of Washington, whose birth occurred in Union county, Ohio, and who was reared in Keokuk county.

In his political affiliation Mr. Frain is a democrat, while fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America at Brighton. He is likewise a trustee of the Baptist church, of which both he and his wife are devoted and faithful members.

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#### A. M. T. FRAIN.

A. M. T. Frain, a brother of John F. Frain, has likewise put aside the active work of the fields and is now living retired in Brighton. His birth occurred in Jackson county, Indiana, on the 27th of January, 1850, and he obtained his education in the district schools of Washington county, this state. He remained at home until twenty-five years of age, when he purchased land in Audubon county, Iowa, where he made his home for a short period and then returned to this county, being engaged in the operation of rented land for a time. Subsequently he purchased a farm in Franklin township, this county, and was successfully engaged in its cultivation and development until his well directed labors and untiring energy had brought him the competence that now enables him to live retired. Throughout his entire life he has been connected with agricultural interests and assisted in breaking prairie at an early day. It was in 1906 that he took up his abode in

Brighton and now owns an attractive residence and two acres of land in the town.

In 1875 Mr. Frain was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Alkire, a resident of Washington county, by whom he has three children: Sadie, the wife of Henry Gordon, a jeweler of Brighton; Joseph and Katie, both at home.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Frain has given his political allegiance to the democracy and has ever given his support and cooperation to those movements and measures instituted to advance the general welfare. His wife is a consistent member of the Christian church and they are both highly esteemed in this part of the county, where they have a very wide acquaintance, their many good qualities of heart and mind having endeared them to all who know them.

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#### CHARLES MAYER.

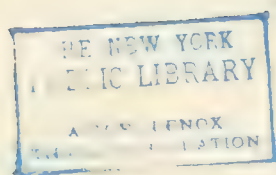
Charles Mayer, who has passed the seventy-third milestone on life's journey, is now living retired on his farm in Seventy-Six township. His entire life has been given to general agricultural pursuits and his continuous and well directed activity in that line has brought him a measure of success which is substantial and gratifying, enabling him now to live retired in the enjoyment of the fruits of his former toil. He was born in Germany, March 16, 1836, a son of John and Dorothea (Dietrich) Mayer, who were likewise natives of Germany and spent their entire lives in that land, where they reared their family of ten children.

Charles Mayer remained a resident of his native country until eighteen years of age and during that time acquired his education in the public schools of Germany. Bidding goodbye to friends and native land he sailed for the new world in 1854 and first settled in Ohio, where he remained for five years. In 1860 he arrived in Washington county, Iowa, where he worked as a farm hand by the month for one year. At the end of that time he put aside all business and personal considerations for it was the opening of the hostilities between the north and the south and his patriotic spirit was aroused. In July, 1861, he offered his services to the government in defense of the Union and was enrolled as a member of Company F, First Iowa Cavalry, in which he served for more than three years. He participated in a number of hard skirmishes and for some time was in Missouri on the trail of the guerillas, having several encounters with them. In 1864 he was honorably discharged at Davenport, Iowa, for his term of enlistment had expired.

Mr. Mayer then returned to Washington county and again worked for a short time as a farm hand. He then went to Ohio and was married there in 1865 to Miss Susan Wiler, who was born in Germany. With his bride he returned to Washington county and located on a rented farm although he then owned his present farm, which at that time was all wild and unimproved. Later he spent two years in Ohio, but in 1869 returned to this county and



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located permanently upon the farm which he now occupies. As the years passed he carefully cultivated his fields, displaying a most practical and progressive spirit in the work of plowing, planting and harvesting. Annually he gathered good crops as the reward of his labors and from time to time made substantial improvements upon his farm, purchasing the latest machinery and otherwise facilitating the work necessary in making the farm a profitable property.

As the years passed four children were added to the household: Mary E., the wife of N. E. Romine, of Seventy-Six township; William J., now operating the home farm; Charles F., at home; and Frank C., also at home. Mr. Mayer has always given his political support to the republican party since becoming a naturalized American citizen and is loyal in his advocacy of its principles. He has served as supervisor and also as school director for several years and manifests the same spirit of loyalty that he displayed when he followed the old flag upon southern battlefields. He belongs to the Grand Army Post at Wellman and thus maintains pleasant relations with those who also wore the blue and defended the stars and stripes during the period of the Civil war. Both he and his wife are members of the Lutheran church and their splendid traits of character have gained for them a warm hold on the affections of those with whom they have come in contact. Mr. Mayer is now enjoying well earned rest, leaving the active management and work of the farm to others. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to come to the new world, for he here found the opportunities he sought, and as the years have gone by he has won a measure of prosperity that is most gratifying, his success being attributable entirely to his own labors.

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### LEWIS FREMONT WOODBURN.

This is a utilitarian age and the successful man is he who recognizes and seizes all of the advantages which surround him and who utilizes every opportunity so as to accomplish maximum results with minimum effort—that is without useless expenditure of time, energy or money. Lewis Fremont Woodburn is a typical representative of this spirit as manifest in farming life and as the result of his own labors he now owns and operates two hundred acres of rich and valuable land. Moreover, he has become well known as a large stock raiser and feeder and has also figured prominently in community affairs.

A native of this county, he was born in Highland township on the 12th of August, 1857, a son of William Edwin and Elizabeth (Wattles) Woodburn. The parents were both natives of Bradford county, Pennsylvania, where they were reared and married. In 1856 they came west to Iowa, locating on a farm in Highland township, Washington county, about a half mile east of the farm upon which our subject now resides. Their tract of land consisted of one hundred and sixty acres and upon this place they continued to make their home until called to their final rest, the father passing

away in 1889, at the age of sixty-two years, while the mother died June 17, 1877, when forty-four years of age. They were at one time members of the Church of God but later affiliated with the United Brethren church.

Amid the scenes and environments of rural life Lewis Fremont Woodburn spent the early years of his life, attending the common schools in the acquirement of an education. He early learned the best methods of plowing, planting and harvesting, and after laying aside his text-books wisely decided to follow as a life work the occupation to which he had been reared. Consequently, at the early age of sixteen, he began business on his own account, working as a farm hand for four years, and remaining in the employ of one man throughout that period. When twenty-one years of age, being desirous that his labors should more directly benefit himself, he rented the farm upon which he now resides and continued to operate it in the capacity of a renter for three years. In November, 1881, however, he purchased the place and has since made it his home. When it came into his possession the tract consisted of but seventy acres, but he bent his energies to the cultivation and extension of his property and, through indefatigable industry and untiring perseverance, he added to his holdings from time to time until his farm now comprises two hundred acres of well improved and valuable land. For some time the place has largely been sown to grass, while he devotes the greater portion of his time and attention to his stock interests. He has become widely known as a stockraiser, making a specialty of short-horn cattle and Duroc Jersey hogs, and for the past fifteen years has been feeding from one to two carloads of cattle yearly. His stock is all high grade and therefore commands ready sale upon the market. He is untiring in his energy, possesses keen business discernment and sound judgment, and his close application to business and his excellent management of his affairs have brought him to a high degree of prosperity.

Although his agricultural pursuits have occupied a large portion of his attention, yet Mr. Woodburn has nevertheless found time to devote to outside matters and for some time has been closely connected with public affairs in various capacities. He is a director in the Farmers & Merchants' Savings Bank of Haskins and has been greatly interested in educational affairs of the community, serving as school director and president of the school board for several years. He gives stalwart support to the republican party and served for one term as township assessor. Public-spirited and loyal in his citizenship, he is deeply interested in all matters that have for their object the permanent upbuilding and development of the community, while the consensus of public opinion accords him high rank among the substantial and influential citizens of this section of the county.

On the 14th of September, 1881, Mr. Woodburn was united in marriage to Miss Jennie McLaughlin and unto this union was born one son, Dr. Fred Leslie, a practicing physician of Castana, Iowa. The wife and mother passed away on the 7th of December, 1885, and in 1888 Mr. Woodburn was again married, his second union being with Miss Susan C. Stewart. She is a daughter of John S. Stewart, of Highland township, this county, and by her marriage became the mother of six children, namely; Clark L., Clara,

Esther, Florence, Blanche and Mildred. Of this number Florence has passed away, while the remaining members of the family all reside at home. Mr. and Mrs. Woodburn are consistent members of the United Brethren church, taking deep interest in all phases of the church work. He stands today as a high type of American manhood, who has won success in the business world and has gained the respect of his fellowmen by his public service and private life.

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### D. C. ROBERTSON.

A well improved farm of one hundred and seventy-five acres, located on sections 15 and 28, Dutch Creek township, is the home of D. C. Robertson, and it was also the place of his nativity. He comes of Irish parentage and was born June 29, 1854. His great-great-grandfather, John Robertson, was born in Scotland but later went to County Tyrone, Ireland, where he died and where later generations of the family made their home. The great-grandfather, William Robertson, was born on the Emerald isle in 1753, and the grandfather, John Robertson, was there born in 1778. It was the latter's son, John D. Robertson, born on Christmas day of 1815, who became the father of our subject. The first of the family to come to the United States was the grandfather, John Robertson, who located in Ohio and there spent his remaining days.

The father, John D. Robertson, was reared in the Buckeye state and in 1842 journeyed by boat and wagon to Keokuk county, Iowa, where he remained until October, 1844, at which time he made his way to Washington county, this state, making a settlement on the farm on which the son now resides. He developed and improved the then wild tract and converted it into a cultivable arm, carrying on general agricultural pursuits until the time of his death, which occurred September 30, 1899, when he had reached the advanced age of eighty-four years. It was while he was still a resident of Ohio that John D. Robertson was married, the lady of his choice being Miss Eliza Carson, who like her husband, was born on the Emerald isle in 1813, and emigrated to the new world when seventeen years of age. It was on the 6th of May, 1841, that she gave her hand in marriage to Mr. Robertson and they became the parents of seven sons, William H., who served three years as a member of Company H, Seventh Iowa Volunteer Infantry during the Civil war; Samuel; James C.; Samuel A.; John D.; George F.; and D. C. All are deceased with the exception of our subject and John D., who follows farming in Jefferson county, Illinois. The mother of this family passed away March 11, 1897.

D. C. Robertson was reared in the usual manner of farm lads, assisting in the work of the home farm during the spring and summer months and attending the district schools during the winter months. He remained under the parental roof until he had reached the age of thirty-one years, at which time he established a home of his own by his marriage on the 19th of March,

1884, to Miss Margaret Reighard, a resident of Washington county. She is one of a family of eight children, having four brothers and two sisters still living, while one sister died at the age of five years. Her father was a native of Virginia and her mother of Pennsylvania. It was in 1860 that they became residents of Washington county, Iowa, where Mr. Reighard followed the occupation of brickmaking and manufactured the brick for the house in which Mrs. Robertson now lives.

Following his marriage Mr. Robertson engaged in farming on his own account, operating land in Dutch Creek township. He eventually returned to the home farm and cared for his parents during the last years of their lives and here he has continued to live to the present time, now owning the place, consisting of one hundred and seventy-five acres, located on sections 15 and 28, Dutch Creek township.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Robertson has been blessed with seven children: Robert R., who wedded Maggie Trier, by whom he has one child, Merle; Nellie, at home; Olive G., the wife of M. R. Sanders, a farmer of Dutch Creek township, by whom she has a son, Lee; Helen, William C., Margaret and Pearl Eliza, all at home. In politics Mr. Robertson is a republican. He has been successful in his farming operations and his success is well merited, for he is an enterprising, progressive citizen.

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#### T. W. RICKEY.

T. W. Rickey is well known in Crawfordsville and throughout Washington county, for though he is now living retired he was long associated with business affairs as a representative of both farming and banking interests. He ever manifested an intelligent appreciation of opportunities which he utilized to the best advantage and now his invested interests are sufficient to bring him a substantial annual revenue. Mr. Rickey was born in Harrison county, Ohio, November 2, 1840, and is a son of Benjamin and Susan (Williams) Rickey. The father was born in Ohio and in 1852 arrived in Iowa, locating in Louisa county, where he made his home until his death in 1877, his remains being interred in the village cemetery at Crawfordsville. His entire life was given to general agricultural pursuits and his persistent labor constituted the basis of his success. In antebellum days he was a stanch abolitionist, being greatly opposed to the system of human slavery as practiced in the south. When the republican party was formed to prevent its further extension in northern territory, he joined its ranks and continued one of its stalwart advocates until his death. He held membership in the United Presbyterian church which in former years was known as the Seceders church. His wife was a native of Ohio and they were married in that state. She survived her husband for about ten years and died in Louisa county in 1887. In their family were five sons: Samuel W., who now follows farming in Crawford township; William, a soldier of the Civil war, who formerly carried on general agricultural pursuits but is now living retired in Sheridan,



Iowa; T. W., of this review; John, who was a soldier in the Union army and is now deceased; and Joseph, who likewise defended the old flag but has now passed away.

T. W. Rickey spent his youthful days in his parents' home, accompanying his father on their removal to Iowa when a youth of twelve years. He acquired his education in the district schools of his native county and in Washington county, Iowa, and gave his father the benefit of his services until twenty-one years of age, when he began farming on his own account in Louisa county. He continued to till the soil in Louisa county until 1894, when he put aside the work of the fields and removed to Crawfordsville, where he erected a building that has since been known as the Crawfordsville Savings Bank. He established a banking business which was the first in the town and he remained sole owner of the enterprise until 1908, when he organized a stock company and withdrew from active connection with the bank. While he carried on farming he engaged extensively in feeding and shipping stock and this proved a profitable branch of his business. He is still the owner of valuable farm property, including one hundred and sixty acres of well improved land in Louisa county and two hundred acres in Crawford township, together with two hundred and ninety-six acres in Arkansas. He likewise owns town property in Crawfordsville, also has realty holdings in Chicago, so that his extensive invested interests are amply adequate to his needs and also bring to him an income sufficient to supply him with all of the comforts and many of the luxuries of life.

In 1861 Mr. Rickey was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Purbis, a resident of Louisa county, Iowa, and they have two sons: James R., now a banker of Crawfordsville; and John F., who follows farming in Henry county, Iowa. The wife and mother died in 1891 and was laid to rest in the Crawfordsville cemetery. In 1897 Mr. Rickey was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Maggie Adams, nee Gordon. In his political views Mr. Rickey is a republican while his religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church. His life has been well spent and without ostentation or display he has commanded the respect of his fellowmen by reason of his enterprise, the reliability of his methods in business affairs and the substantial support which he has given to all matters of progressive citizenship.

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#### A. E. SANDS.

The financial interests of Ainsworth find a worthy and valued representative in A. E. Sands, one of the stockholders and cashier of the Ainsworth bank. He is also interested in one of the leading mercantile enterprises of the city and in the management of his affairs displays keen discernment combined with the ability to so utilize the means at hand that substantial success results. He is one of the county's native sons, his birth having occurred in Oregon township, December 7, 1879. His parents were John W. and Martha (Shaw) Sands. The father is now a retired farmer living

in Ainsworth, but for many years was connected with the agricultural interests of this county. A native of Tennessee, he was born in Monroe county, March 22, 1839, and his parents were Benjamin R. and Rosanna (Henderson) Sands. Benjamin R. Sands was born in Washington county, Tennessee, and was of Scotch-Irish descent. In the year 1835 he wedded Miss Rosanna Henderson of Monroe county, Tennessee, who was born, however, in Blount county, that state. She was of Irish lineage. Following their marriage they began their domestic life in the state of their nativity and resided there until 1851, when they removed to Washington county, Iowa. Mr. Sands entered one hundred and sixty acres of unimproved land and at once began the development of a farm, upon which he resided until 1880. He then removed to Ainsworth, where he lived retired, enjoying the fruits of his former toil. His wife died June 20, 1887, and he survived until some years later. Unto Benjamin and Rosanna Sands were born a number of children, including John W., the father of our subject; Margaret, the wife of J. F. R. Leonard; Joseph P.; Samuel A.; James; and Nancy J. The last named is now deceased.

John W. Sands came to Washington county, Iowa, with his parents in 1851, being then a lad of twelve years. He was educated in the common schools and through the periods of vacation worked on the farm, having devoted his energies to agricultural pursuits throughout his entire business career with the exception of three years spent as a soldier of the Civil war. It was in September, 1861, that he responded to the country's call for troops, enlisting as a member of Company C, Eleventh Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He participated in the battle of Shiloh, in the first and second engagements at Corinth, in the battle of Vicksburg, in the Atlanta campaign and in various minor engagements and military movements and at length was mustered out at Galesville, Alabama, where he also received an honorable discharge.

On the expiration of his term of service John W. Sands returned to Iowa and began farming on his own account, in which work he won gratifying success. Year by year he carefully tilled the fields and as time went by he won a measure of prosperity which was the merited reward of his labors.

It was in Louisa county, Iowa, in 1864, that J. W. Sands was married to Miss Martha A. Shaw, a daughter of Samuel Shaw, who came to Iowa in 1854. Mrs. Sands was born in Monroe county, Tennessee, November 23, 1843, and by her marriage has become the mother of four children: Eva J., Samuel B., Francis G. and Alva E. The parents are members of the United Presbyterian church, to which their children also belong and Mr. Sands gives his political support to the republican party on which ticket he has been elected to several township offices, including that of trustee. His life has been an upright and honorable one characterized by the sterling qualities of manhood, which in every land and clime awaken respect and regard. Now at the age of seventy years he is living retired and his rest is well merited, for through a long period he was a most active representative of farming interests in this county.

A. E. Sands pursued his education in the schools of Ainsworth and afterward worked for three years in a blacksmith shop. He then became iden-

tified with mercantile interests, joining his brother, Francis G., in the conduct of a store in which he still owns a half interest. Three years ago, however, he accepted the position of cashier in the Ainsworth Bank, in which he is a stockholder and is now the chief executive head of that institution, managing its affairs with marked ability and with a thorough understanding of banking interests in every department.

In June, 1901, Mr. Sands was married to Miss Maud Morrison, a resident of this county and they now have two children, Dorothy and Neal. Their home is justly celebrated for its warm-hearted hospitality and is a favorite resort with their many friends. In his political views Mr. Sands is a stalwart republican and at the present writing, 1909, is filling the office of city treasurer. He is interested in everything pertaining to the welfare of the community and cooperates largely in measures for the public good. He belongs to the United Presbyterian church, of which his wife is also a member and in the work of which they are actively and helpfully interested, Mr. Sands serving at the present time as one of the church trustees. His enterprise in business and his activity in municipal affairs have made him a valued resident of the community.

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#### WILLIAM H. CRESS.

William H. Cress, a retired merchant residing in Riverside, Iowa, was born on the 11th of December, 1841, in Virginia. He is a son of Henry and Rachel (Elliott) Cress, natives also of that state, where the father passed away and was laid to rest. In 1864 the mother brought her children to Washington county, Iowa, locating in Oregon township, and this county continued to be her home until her demise, which occurred in 1896, when she had reached the age of eighty-one years. She was the mother of three children, of whom William H. is the eldest. The others were: Isaac N., who met his death in the Civil war; and Abraham E., residing in Nebraska.

William H. Cress was reared upon the farm and, having lost his father when but a little lad, it fell to his lot to assist in the support of the family. He therefore enjoyed but limited educational advantages but at an early age became a student in the more difficult school of experience, where he learned lessons concerning the value of energy, diligence and perseverance. He remained at home until thirty-three years of age when, thinking to find other pursuits more congenial and profitable, he became identified with mercantile interests at Pilotsburg, Washington county, where he remained for one year. He then sold his business at that place and came to Riverside, where he engaged in the same line of activity, being thus connected until 1902. In that year he retired from active labor, the success which attended his efforts bringing to him a handsome competence that makes it possible for him to enjoy in well earned rest the fruits of his former toil. In his career as a merchant he at all times followed plans and methods which neither sought nor required disguise. On the contrary he always was worthy the

trust reposed in him and today bears an irreproachable record as a business man. He makes his home in Riverside, where he owns a brick store building and a fine residence. He also possesses two hundred and sixty acres of fine farm land, a part of which lies in Washington county and the remainder in Johnson county, this property returning to him a gratifying annual income.

Mr. Cress chose as a companion for life's journey Miss Lovila H. Posten, who was born in Virginia in 1843, and is one of ten children born to Leonard and Margaret (Miller) Posten. Her parents were both natives of Virginia and came to Iowa in 1866, where the father died, while the mother later returned to the Old Dominion, where she passed away. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Cress was celebrated in 1865 and was blessed with nine children, namely: Mary L., deceased; Chester C., residing in Riverside; Isaac C., operating his father's farm; Ida E. and Margaret C., both deceased; George, a dentist of Wheatland, Iowa; Ralph, residing in Columbus Junction, Iowa; Melville, who has also passed away; and Earl E., attending the medical department of the Northwestern University at Chicago, Illinois.

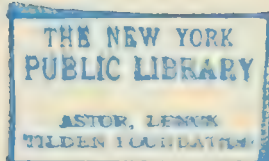
On the 10th of April, 1907, Mrs. Cress was called to her final rest, her remains being interred in the Riverside cemetery. She left, besides her husband and five children, many warm friends to mourn her loss. She was a lady of many excellent traits of character and a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church, to which Mr. Cress also belongs, having served for twenty-seven years as superintendent of the Sunday school. He holds membership with the United Workmen of America and in politics is a stalwart supporter of the republican party. He has taken quite an active and influential part in public affairs, filling several town offices and now serving his second term as supervisor, to which position he was elected in 1906. Starting out in life with but limited educational advantages, depending upon his own resources at a very early age for his livelihood, he is, in the broadest sense of the term a self-made man, who may well feel proud of the success which he has attained.

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#### CHARLES A. OVERFELT.

Charles A. Overfelt, a prominent and prosperous resident of Riverside, is now living retired, having won a handsome competence through his well directed labors as an agriculturist in former years. He was born in Fulton, Callaway county, Missouri, on the 27th of February, 1835, his parents being Eli M. and Sarah S. (Parker) Overfelt. The father's birth occurred near Richmond, Virginia, on the 8th of August, 1808, while the mother was born in Tennessee, April 22, 1814. Their marriage was celebrated in Missouri on the 7th of November, 1833. Eli M. Overfelt passed away August 17, 1844, and his wife, surviving him for more than a half century, was called to her final rest on the 6th of July, 1899. Unto this worthy couple were born six



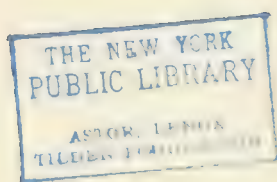




CHARLES A. OVERFELT



MRS. CHARLES A. OVERFELT





children: Charles A., of this review; Mary J., the wife of John Axtel, of Wichita, Kansas; and four who are deceased.

Charles A. Overfelt received only limited educational opportunities in youth, for his father died when he was but a little lad of nine years and, being the oldest child in the family, he at once laid aside his text-books in order that he might assist in the support of his mother and the younger children. Subsequent to the father's death the family home was established in St. Louis, Missouri, where Charles A. Overfelt secured employment as an errand boy and thus worked until he had attained the age of fifteen years. He then learned the blacksmith's trade and worked at that occupation for four years but at the end of that time was compelled to give it up on account of failing health. Subsequently he removed to Iowa City, where he was employed as a teamster for three years, on the expiration of which period he came to Washington county, Iowa, and here worked as a farm hand for one year, receiving a remuneration of twelve and a half dollars per month. In July, 1861, he enlisted for service in the Union army as a member of Company G, Sixth Iowa Infantry, but at the end of six months was discharged at Sedalia, Missouri, on account of physical disability. Returning to Washington county, he worked for B. W. Coe for one year as foreman on the latter's farm and was then engaged in the operation of a rented tract of land for a year. Subsequently he bought a farm of eighty acres in Iowa township, devoting his time and energies to its cultivation and improvement, while later he extended the boundaries of the place by an additional purchase of one hundred acres and was actively and successfully connected with agricultural interests until the time of his retirement from business life in 1898. Purchasing a handsome residence in Riverside, he has here since continued to reside and is well known and highly esteemed throughout the community as a self-made man whose prosperity is the just reward of a life of untiring, persistent and intelligently directed labor.

On the 27th of August, 1862, Mr. Overfelt was united in marriage to Miss Nora Williams, who was born at Lockport, Will county, Illinois, November 13, 1844, a daughter of Loring A. and Eliza A. (Palmer) Williams. The father, whose birth occurred in Connecticut in 1806, passed away on the 2d of March, 1890, while the mother, who was born in the state of New York in 1822, was called to her final rest on the 13th of April, 1895. Their family numbered but two children, one who died in infancy and Mrs. Overfelt. The great-grandfather of Mrs. Overfelt participated in the Revolutionary war and spent the winter as a guard at Valley Forge. He lived to attain the remarkable age of ninety-nine years. Her maternal grandfather, Thomas Force Palmer, served in the war of 1812 and died at the ripe old age of eighty-two years. Mrs. Overfelt is a graduate of the Iowa City high school and prior to her marriage was a successful school teacher. She is a member of the Eastern Star, in which she has filled all of the chairs except that of the chapel and has acted as recorder for the Royal Neighbors for six years. She is likewise identified with the Robert Allen Relief Corps and for six years has been president thereof. For twenty-two years she has capably served in the position of school treasurer and is a lady whose many estimable

traits of character and excellent executive ability are widely recognized and highly appreciated. By her marriage she has become the mother of five children, namely: Olie Olga, who died in infancy; twins, who also passed away in infancy; Katie L., born March 21, 1869, who is now the wife of Eugene Annas, of Haskins, Iowa; and Charlie Lester, who was born May 10, 1876, and is a resident of Washington county.

In his political views Mr. Overfelt is an unfaltering and inflexible republican and has served as school director and also as supervisor. He is a member of G. A. R. Post, No. 455, and also belongs to the Masonic lodge, No. 516, at Riverside and Eastern Star Lodge, No. 197. His life record exemplifies the fact that faithfulness to duty and strict adherence to a fixed purpose will do more to advance a man's interests than wealth or advantageous circumstances. The successful men of the day are they who have planned their own advancement and have accomplished it in spite of many obstacles and with a certainty that could have been attained only through their own efforts. This class of men has a worthy representative in Mr. Overfelt, who is honored and respected in every class of society and most of all in the community where he is best known.

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#### T. J. BROWN.

The progress of a community does not depend upon its machinery of government or even upon the men who control its offices as much as upon those who are active in business life and who therefore promote the prosperity of the community. In this connection Mr. Brown deserves mention, as he contributes to the business activity of Crawfordsville in the conduct of a tile factory. He is also a representative of the coal trade here and his perseverance and diligence constitute the basis of his success. He was born in Wilkesbarre, Pennsylvania, January 21, 1854, and is a son of William and Catherine Brown. The father, now deceased, was born in Luzerne county, Pennsylvania, a son of Thomas and Maria (Askem) Brown, who were married in the Keystone state and there resided until after the birth of their five children—William, David, Susannah, Benjamin and Martha, all of whom became residents of Iowa with the exception of the last named, who was the wife of Eleazer Schumacher, then a resident of Seneca county, Ohio. The grandfather of our subject, Thomas Brown, was born and reared in England, coming from Warwickshire to the United States. By trade he was a ribbon weaver but after crossing the Atlantic he purchased a tract of land in Luzerne county, Pennsylvania, and there carried on farming. He also opened up and operated a coal mine on his land. His wife was born in this country but her parents, William and Alice Askem, were natives of England. They reared a family of four sons and four daughters: William, John, Thomas, Burton, Maria, Caroline, Catharine and Susannah. The parents remained residents of Pennsylvania until called

to their final rest but several of their children removed westward to Ohio. Mrs. Thomas Brown became a resident of Iowa in 1846.

William Brown, father of our subject, wedded Miss Catherine Shaffer, a daughter of Jacob and Catherine Shaffer, who were natives of Germany, where they were reared and married, remaining in that country for several years after their marriage, their home being on a small farm near Strasburg. Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Shaffer had three children: Adam, who is deceased; Jacob; and Catherine. Of Jacob, all trace is lost. Catherine became the wife of William Brown, and in 1856 they removed from Pennsylvania to Iowa, where they engaged in farming, establishing their home in Henry county. There were two children born to them in Pennsylvania, Mary Etta, who became the wife of Allen B. Lennon and is now deceased; and Thomas J., of this review. The journey from Wilkesbarre, Pennsylvania, to Scranton, that state, was made by stage and from that point they proceeded by rail to Burlington, and then by stage to Mount Pleasant, Iowa, where they arrived in 1856. After spending a few months in Henry county William Brown purchased nearly a quarter section of land adjoining the family homestead and subsequently other purchases were made. A small house had been erected by a former owner and into this the Brown family moved in the autumn of 1856. In this home two children were added to the family: John W., who has departed this life; and Scott M., an electrical engineer living in Seattle, Washington. He married Miss Mary Strume, a daughter of James and Elizabeth Strume.

In the autumn of 1856 the grandparents of T. J. Brown came to Iowa and during the remainder of their lives they found a happy home and cordial welcome beneath the hospitable roof of their son William. Thomas Brown died in 1857 at the age of eighty-one years, while his wife passed away twenty years later in her eightieth year. Both were interred in the cemetery at Asbury chapel.

As the years passed by William Brown carried on farming and became quite a wealthy man, owning extensive tracts of land at the time of his demise, most of which was acquired through his own industry, supplemented by the capable management and economy of his wife. After coming to Iowa they owned two farms in Henry county and three eighty-acre tracts of land northwest of Washington, in Washington county, in addition to the home farm of more than a quarter of a section. They made to each of their children a present of a valuable farm. The father died in 1879 and his remains were interred in a cemetery in Henry county. His wife, who was born in Pennsylvania, spent her last days in Washington county, Iowa, her death occurring in 1897.

T. J. Brown is indebted to the common-school system of Crawford township for the early educational privileges he enjoyed. He pursued his studies through the winter months and in the summer seasons worked in the fields, assisting his father until the latter's death. In 1883 he turned his attention to commercial interests, taking up the manufacture of tile about three miles south of Crawfordsville. There he conducted the business until about five years ago, when he built a plant in the village with a capacity of

ten thousand tile per day. He owns this plant, together with three and three-quarters acres of land and an office building. He makes quite large shipments of his product, which is of excellent quality and therefore finds a ready sale on the market. In addition to this he conducts a good business as a dealer in coal and he also owns three hundred and fifty-six and a half acres of valuable land in Crawford township and real estate in the village. In all of his business affairs he is enterprising and progressive, watching out for opportunities that point to success and using his advantages in the best possible manner. His political allegiance is given to the democracy but he has never been an aspirant for office. His life has been characterized by an habitual regard for what is best in the exercise of human activities and thus Crawfordsville counts him as one of its valued and representative sons.

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### J. R. TAYLOR.

J. R. Taylor, numbered among the practical, energetic and progressive farmers of Brighton township, is the owner of four hundred and ten acres of rich and productive land and in addition to tilling the soil he raises and feeds stock. He was born in Bartholomew county, Indiana, November 30, 1842, and comes of Virginian ancestry, the family having been established in the Old Dominion at an early period in the colonization of the new world.

His parents were James and Priscilla (Edwards) Taylor. The father was born near Lexington, Kentucky, November 30, 1803, and from that place accompanied his parents on their removal to Indiana during his boyhood days. He lived for nine years in Decatur county and for some time was a resident of Bartholomew county. In 1854 he removed westward to Washington county, Iowa, making the journey by wagon. His son, J. R. Taylor, was then a lad of eleven years and, with a boy's interest in everything that he sees, greatly enjoyed the trip. On reaching their destination the father secured a tract of land in Brighton township and began farming, making that place his home until his death, which occurred March 27, 1888, his remains being interred in New Haven, Iowa. Throughout his entire life he followed farming and was very successful in the work, transforming the wild prairie into fertile fields from which he annually gathered large harvests. In politics he was a democrat of decided views, believing firmly in the principles of the party. He also held membership in the Baptist church and his life in all of its relations was actuated by his Christian faith.

While residing in Indiana James Taylor was married, on the 2d of May, 1831, to Miss Priscilla Edwards, who was born in Hardin county, Kentucky, on a farm adjoining that which was the birthplace of Abraham Lincoln. Her death occurred in Washington county, May 25, 1884, and her grave was made in the New Haven cemetery. In the family of this worthy couple were eight children: David William, who was born September 19, 1832, and died in infancy; Sarah Jane, who was born September 29, 1835,



and is deceased; Nancy, who was born August 27, 1837, and is the widow of John McCullough; James Blackburn, born June 16, 1840, who has departed this life; J. R., of this review; Jesse, who was born August 26, 1845, and is a resident farmer of Franklin township; Mary Elizabeth, who was born November 18, 1846, and died in infancy; and Joseph, who was born May 19, 1849, and also died in infancy.

J. R. Taylor was a lad of eleven years when he left his native state in company with his parents and came to Iowa. He had begun his education in the schools of Indiana and here he further continued his studies as a pupil in the common schools of Brighton township and in the village of Brighton. He remained at home with his father until twenty years of age and is still on land formerly in possession of his father. His home place now comprises four hundred and ten acres and the soil is rich and productive, responding readily to the care and labor which he places upon it. Most of the improvements have been put upon the farm by Mr. Taylor and the buildings and fences are always kept in good repair and indicate his careful supervision. He both raises and feeds stock and that branch of his business is proving a profitable source of income. He is likewise interested in an irrigation ditch in Wyoming.

On the 29th of January, 1863, Mr. Taylor was united in marriage to Miss Nannie Cockland, a native of Wayne county, Ohio, and a daughter of Samuel and Mary (Eberly) Cockland. Her father was born in Pennsylvania, whence he removed to Ohio and in 1854 he came to Iowa, settling first in Marion township, Washington county. He resided in this county continuously until his death, which occurred June 28, 1891. He had long survived his wife, who passed away September 4, 1857. They were the parents of ten children: Jacob, who was born December 24, 1833, and is now a retired farmer living in Harrison county, Missouri; David, who was born December 25, 1835, and is living retired in Washington; Levi, who was born December 23, 1837, and died in August, 1907, at the age of almost seventy years; Catherine, who was born January 21, 1839, and is the wife of Robert M. McCalman, proprietor of a canning factory in Dexter, Iowa; Maria, who was born June 13, 1841, and is deceased; Abraham, who was born in March, 1843, and is living in Buffalo county, Nebraska; Samuel, who was born April 29, 1844, and is deceased; Nannie L., born October 20, 1846; John S., born November 20, 1848; and William H., who was born September 4, 1852, and is now deceased.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor was blessed with five children: Jesse, who was born February 5, 1864, and is now connected with an irrigation ditch enterprise at Lander, Wyoming; Etta, who was born December 3, 1865, and is the wife of George Brinton, a retired farmer; Nellie, who was born April 18, 1870, and is the wife of E. S. Thomas, a farmer of Fairfield, Iowa; Vista, who was born August 25, 1873, and is the wife of Fred Mauthe, a farmer near Grace Hill, Iowa; and Fred, who was born August 21, 1882, and assists in the operation of the home farm.

In his political views Mr. Taylor is an earnest democrat and has served as township trustee but office holding has little attraction for him, as he

prefers to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs. His wife is a member of the Baptist church and they are both worthy people who enjoy and merit the esteem and good will of their many friends.

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### E. BRADFORD.

E. Bradford, a veteran of the Civil war, is now occupying the position of postmaster of Wellman, and although he has passed the Psalmist's allotted span of three score years and ten, he nevertheless is still active in all those public affairs which are matters of interest and moment to all true citizens. Born in Maine on the 16th of April, 1830, he is a son of Luther and Mary (Wentworth) Bradford, who were also natives of that state. There the mother passed away and after her death the father removed to Iowa in the fall of 1854, where he resided until his demise. In their family were four children: Vergil, residing in Wellman; Melvina, deceased; E. Bradford, of this review; and Emaline, deceased.

The youthful days of E. Bradford were spent in the acquirement of an education in the common schools of Maine, which he attended until fifteen years of age, when, depending upon his own resources for a livelihood, he took his initial step in the business world as a clerk in a store in Boston. He was thus employed for three years, at the expiration of which time he hired out as a sailor boy on board a ship and followed the sea for some time. He then came to Iowa, where he resided for a year, after which he removed to Sangamon county, Illinois, where he remained until 1861. In that year he joined the boys in blue as a member of Company D, Twenty-sixth Illinois Infantry, and served through the Civil war, loyally defending the Union on southern battlefields. Throughout his period of enlistment he saw much active service, participating in many important engagements, among them being the battles of Vicksburg and Chattanooga. He was with Sherman on the celebrated march to the sea and in 1865, with a creditable military record, he was mustered out at Springfield, Illinois.

After the close of the war Mr. Bradford came to Washington county, Iowa, where he has since continued to reside. He purchased a farm in this county, which he operated for several years, bringing his fields under a high state of cultivation and annually gathering therefrom good harvests. Later he disposed of his agricultural interests and moved to Wellman, where, shortly after the inauguration of President McKinley, he was appointed postmaster of the town. He is an excellent man for the place, and the fact that he is now serving his thirteenth year in this position is an indication that his service has received the indorsement and approval of his fellow citizens.

The year 1865 witnessed the marriage of Mr. Bradford to Miss Amanda Carr, a native of Washington county, Iowa, her birth occurring in 1846. She was a daughter of Isaac Carr, now deceased. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Bradford were born three children: Luther D., now a resident of Minnesota;

Lyman S., the present city marshal of Wellman; and Isaac, the assistant postmaster of Wellman.

The parents are consistent members of the Baptist church, of which Mr. Bradford is serving as trustee and deacon. In politics he is a republican and his fellow citizens, recognizing his ability and worth, have called him to office, electing him township trustee and also justice of the peace, his term of service in the latter office having covered thirteen years. He maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades in his membership in the Grand Army Post, No. 112, at Wellman. Having served continuously before the public eye in an official capacity ever since his residence in Wellman, Mr. Bradford has, by his faithfulness in the discharge of his duties, his unbending integrity and his appreciation of the responsibilities that rest upon him, commanded the confidence and trust of his fellowmen and won for himself a high place among the representative citizens of the community.

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#### N. BRUCE GARDNER.

Iowa, with its splendid agricultural possibilities, offers excellent opportunity to him who wishes to earn his living in the tilling of the soil. Devoting his time and energies in successful manner to the cultivation and improvement of a farm, N. Bruce Gardner has become well known as a prominent and progressive citizen of Seventy-Six township, where he owns and operates one hundred and sixty acres of excellent land. He is widely known as an extensive dealer in stock and has, moreover, been closely identified with the financial and educational interests of the community.

One of Iowa's native sons, he was born in Washington township, Washington county, January 30, 1854, and is a son of James D. and Phoebe (Ferguson) Gardner, both natives of Madison county, Ohio, where they were reared and married. In the fall of 1853 they came to Iowa and the winter of that year was spent in Washington, where the father engaged in teaching school. During that period, however, he entered two quarter sections of land adjoining each other in Seventy-Six township, where he took up his abode in the spring of 1854. Upon this farm he resided, with the exception of some five years spent in the city of Washington, until his death, which occurred July 4, 1881, his wife surviving him for about six or seven years. He had always been a staunch republican in politics, while he and his wife were consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church and passed away in the faith of that denomination.

Upon this homestead farm Bruce Gardner was reared, acquiring his early education in the district schools. He later supplemented this training by a three years' course in the Washington high school and subsequently spent a similar period in the Iowa State Agricultural College. Thus well equipped, at the age of seventeen years, he took his initial step in the business world as a teacher, following that profession during the winter months and devoting the summer seasons to farming. He continued as a teacher

in the district schools of Washington county for fifteen years, and during this period he proved himself an able instructor, readily and clearly imparting to his students the knowledge he himself had acquired. After the death of his mother, however, he purchased the old home farm of one hundred-sixty acres and has since made this his home. It is one of the finest farms in the state of Iowa and annually returns to its owner golden harvests in return for the time and energy expended upon it. Aside from tilling the soil Mr. Gardner has, for the past ten years, been extensively engaged in dealing in cattle, horses and mules and has for years been feeding cattle on a moderate scale. He is known among stockmen as a scalper, buying and selling much of his stock among the neighboring farmers of the surrounding counties. He has also extended his activity in other channels and is now a stockholder and director in the Security Savings Bank of Wellman. He is eminently a man of affairs, and the success which has attended his various business interests entitles him to a prominent place among the prosperous and influential citizens of this county.

The year 1878 witnessed the marriage of Mr. Gardner and Miss Capitola Brindley, a native of Cedar township, this county, and they have become the parents of eight children, seven of whom still survive: Lloyd, deceased; Roy, a farmer of Cedar township, Washington county; Mamie, a teacher of music who makes her home with her parents; Nettie, Harry, Phoebe, James, and Norma, all at home.

Although stalwart in his advocacy of the principles of the republican party, Mr. Gardner has never been an aspirant for public office, preferring to devote his entire time and attention to the management of his private business affairs. He is, however, public-spirited in his citizenship and his devotion to the public welfare remains unquestioned, arising from a sincere desire for the substantial growth and upbuilding of the community. He is a member of the Masonic lodge and also the Knights of Pythias, both at Wellman. As the architect of his own fortune he has builded wisely and well and the success which he now enjoys has come to him as the direct result of a life of well spent activity, the salient characteristics of which have been sound judgment, good business management and unfaltering perseverance.

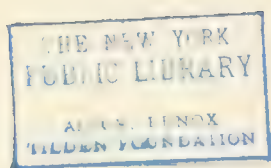
#### PAUL OLDFIELD.

Paul Oldfield, deceased, was for a long period successfully connected with agricultural interests in Cedar township. His birth occurred in Philadelphia on the 4th of June, 1825. His education was obtained in the common schools and in early manhood he came to Iowa, purchasing the farm of eighty acres in Cedar township, Washington county, where his widow now resides. Subsequently he extended the boundaries of his farm by an additional purchase of forty acres and was actively and successfully engaged in the work of the fields until the time of his demise.





PAUL OLDFIELD



Mr. Oldfield married Miss Rebecca Bitting, who was born in Pennsylvania, April 18, 1839, her parents being Jacob and Lydia Bitting. The father, who came to this state in 1855, continued to reside here until called to his final rest. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Bitting were born six children, namely: David, of Cedar township; John, who is deceased; Mary, the wife of John Shafer, of Nebraska; Charles, a resident of Lime Creek township; Samuel, living in Nebraska; and Mrs. Oldfield. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Oldfield were born eleven children, as follows: Isaiah, of Cedar township; Lydia, deceased; Samuel, also residing in Cedar township; Martha, who has also passed away; Mary, the wife of Samuel Nicola, of Lime Creek township; Margaret, the wife of Charles Schulty, of Cedar township; John and William, both at home; Perry, who is likewise deceased; Effie, the wife of Henry Stiner, of Lime Creek township; and Elizabeth, also at home.

In his political views Mr. Oldfield was a stalwart republican and an active and helpful worker in the local ranks of the party. His religious belief was indicated by his membership in the Dunkard church, in the faith of which he passed away on the 14th of October, 1892. His life was actuated by high principles and characterized by manly conduct and in his home community he enjoyed that warm personal friendship and kindly esteem which are always given in recognition of genuine worth in the individual. His widow, who is likewise a devoted member of the Dunkard church, still resides on the farm in Cedar township. Of kind and loving disposition, she has a host of friends throughout the community in which she has so long made her home and deserves and receives the respect and esteem of all.

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#### R. S. WHITE.

R. S. White, who gives his time and energies to general farming and stock raising, is today the owner of three hundred and sixty-five acres of valuable land near Crawfordsville. In all of his business affairs he displays an aptitude for successful management and his judgment in his investments is most sound and reliable. His birth occurred in Highland township, Washington county, Iowa, on the 11th of September, 1867, his parents being E. W. White and Louisa (Cunningham) White, both of whom are natives of Pennsylvania. The father's birth occurred in Beaver county, that state. Early in 1851 he went to California, attracted by the discovery of gold on the Pacific slope and also for the benefit of his health, which was in a somewhat precarious condition. In 1854, after almost four years spent in the far west, he returned to New York city and from that point proceeded to Pennsylvania, purchasing a farm near old Wurtemberg in that state. He was then married and engaged in farming in the east for four years, after which oil was struck upon his place. He then disposed of his farm for ten thousand dollars and came to Iowa, where he invested in four hundred acres. This was the nucleus of his later extensive possessions, for he added to his

holdings from time to time by various purchases until he became the owner of eleven hundred acres in Washington county and one hundred and sixty acres in Kansas. He likewise became a prominent factor in financial circles, being elected president of the Ainsworth Savings Bank, with which he was thus associated until his retirement. Desiring to spend his remaining days in well earned rest, he put aside business cares and is now pleasantly located in Colorado. His wife was also a native of Pennsylvania and a daughter of Dr. Cunningham, a well-to-do citizen of the Keystone state. He gave his daughter excellent educational opportunities which she utilized and in early womanhood she was married. Her death occurred in 1895 and her family mourned the loss of a loving and devoted wife and mother and her acquaintances, a faithful friend. Unto Mr. and Mrs. White were born nine children: Lillie, who is the wife of S. W. Stone, who is in the mail service in the government employ in New York city; Flora, the wife of Dr. L. C. Moore, who is engaged in the general practice of medicine in Reynolds, Illinois; Ida, the wife of W. L. Patterson, of Pittsburg, Kansas; Maud, the wife of H. H. Smith, a traveling salesman living in Des Moines; J. R., a contractor and builder of Denver, Colorado; R. S., of this review; H. A., a farmer and stock-raiser of Ainsworth, Iowa; Eva Edna, the wife of W. C. Nelson, a jeweler and optician of Omaha, Nebraska; and Luella, the wife of T. H. Barnes, a farmer.

R. S. White pursued his early education in the public schools of Highland township and afterward continued his studies in the high school at Burlington, Iowa, and in Elliott's Business College. After thus qualifying for the practical duties of business life he went to Albert Lea, Minnesota, where he became cashier for the American Express Company, filling that position for six months. He then returned to his native county and spent the remainder of the year with his father. He next became associated with William Patterson in the boot and shoe business at Pittsburg, Kansas, for two years, after which he returned to this county and assumed oversight of his father's land. Later he was admitted to partnership by his father and this relation was maintained for two years. He then purchased two hundred and forty acres of farm land upon which he has since resided. He afterward bought eighty acres additional and when his father retired four years later he secured another forty-acre tract. He now owns altogether three hundred and sixty-five acres of productive land worth one hundred and sixty dollars per acre. He has put all of the improvements upon the farm, including an attractive residence and substantial barns and outbuildings. He and his brother, H. A. White, manage for their father two thousand six hundred and sixty acres of land in Texas and six hundred acres in Iowa. He is engaged quite extensively in the raising of sheep, hogs and cattle and is well known as a feeder and shipper of stock. His farm and live-stock interests have been very advantageously conducted and have brought to him most gratifying returns.

In 1891 Mr. White was united in marriage to Miss Jennie E. Green, of Washington, Iowa, and they had three children, Harold Gale, Winy Gerald, and Jennie Opal, but the second named is now deceased.



In his political views Mr. White has always been a republican and unfaltering in his advocacy of the party. He is now one of the official members of the Methodist Episcopal church. His life is honorable in its purpose, far-reaching in its activities and successful in its results. His energy has made him one of the prosperous citizens of the county and he is now numbered among the leading farmers and stock-raisers of this part of the state.

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#### H. D. CHERRYHOLMS.

H. D. Cherryholms is numbered among Washington county's native sons, his birth having occurred in Crawford township on the 20th of October, 1861. He is one of a family of five children whose parents were John and Mary A. (Harper) Cherryholms, both of whom were natives of Ohio and were married in that state. The father's birth occurred in Tuscarawas county and when he left Ohio he brought his family direct to Iowa in the early '50s, locating in Crawford township, where he took up the occupation of farming, continuing it until his death. The only interruption to his active business career came when he offered his aid to the government and went to the front as a member of the Twenty-fifth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. His political allegiance was unfalteringly given to the republican party and he was a member of the United Presbyterian church, shaping his life by its teachings. In 1905 he was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who was laid to rest in Crawfordsville cemetery, and in 1906 his grave was made by her side. Their family numbered five children: Austin, deceased; Wallace, who is engaged in dealing in horses in Washington, Iowa; Ida, the wife of William Ferguson, a farmer of Nebraska; Harper, a farmer of El Dorado, Kansas; and H. D. of this review.

Reared in the usual manner of farm lads, H. D. Cherryholms acquired his education in the district schools of Crawford township and when not busy with his text-books largely gave his attention to the work of the fields, assisting his father in operating the home farm for six years after his marriage. It was in 1888 that he wedded Miss Jennie Crooks, a resident of Crawfordsville, and unto them have been born eight children: Mamie, the wife of Jean Fletcher, a farmer residing near Columbia City, Louisa county, Iowa; Glenn; Ross; Lawrence; Maggie; Helen; Chester; and Kenneth.

As previously stated, following his marriage Mr. Cherryholms remained a farmer in Crawford township for about six years and then took up his abode in the village of Crawfordsville, where he resided for two years. On the expiration of that period he removed to Wayne, Henry county, where he lived for three years, after which he took up his abode on a farm east of Crawfordsville, where he also spent three years. He next came to his present location and has lived on this farm for six years. It is a well improved property and in its neat and thrifty appearance indicates the practical and enterprising spirit of the owner. Eighteen years ago Mr. Cherryholms began to buy and ship live stock and has been the only regular buyer

at Crawfordsville for six or eight years. He does a good business in this connection and also meets with success in the cultivation of his farm of one hundred and thirty acres, situated on section 17, Crawford township. He has here erected a fine house, commodious and substantial barns and sheds and has well kept grounds. In fact, his place is one of the attractive features of the landscape and his work is bringing to him substantial and gratifying results. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he holds membership in the United Presbyterian church, while his wife is a member of the Presbyterian church. They are interested in the moral progress of the community and actively connected in various lines of work that are valuable features, in the upbuilding and the betterment of the community.

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### JOHN T. BULGER.

An excellent farm of three hundred and fifty acres in Iowa township pays tribute to the care and labor bestowed upon it by John T. Bulger, who has also been an extensive stockraiser for many years. He was born March 28, 1861, and comes of Irish lineage, his parents, Thomas and Catherine (Hayden) Bulger, having been natives of Killarney, Ireland. They came to America in 1856, locating in Iowa township, Washington county, Iowa, upon the farm where our subject now resides. The parents resided upon this farm until their death, the father passing away in August, 1866, while the mother's demise occurred February 9, 1905, at the age of seventy-five years. In their family were four children, namely: James W., residing at Ottumwa, Iowa; John T., of this review; Mary R., of La Crosse, Wisconsin; and one who died in infancy.

Reared amid the scenes and environments of rural life, John T. Bulger attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education, and while not occupied with his text-books assisted his father about the farm, early becoming familiar with the tasks that fall to the lot of the farm lad. He remained at home until he had reached his majority, and then engaged in agricultural pursuits on his own account, renting the home place which he thus operated for twelve years. At the expiration of that period he purchased eighty acres of the old homestead and has since added to this property until his holdings now comprise three hundred and fifty acres of land situated on section 2, Iowa township. It is not only an extensive but also a very productive tract and the fields have been brought under a high state of cultivation, so that they annually yield rich and large harvests. Mr. Bulger also engages in stockraising to some extent, having made a specialty for the past twenty-five years of raising and feeding cattle and hogs. His stock is all of good grade and therefore commands a ready sale upon the market. He uses the latest improved machinery to facilitate the farm work and in all of his business interests is alert, enterprising and progressive.

On the 30th of April, 1889, Mr. Bulger was united in marriage to Miss Frances Schnoebelen, who was born in Iowa township and was one of seven

children born to S. and Josephine (Schitdel) Schmoebelen. The father, now residing in Iowa township, is mentioned elsewhere in this volume. As the years passed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bulger was blessed with eight children, namely: Ivo I., Ethel B., Agnes E., Ruth B., Bertha F., Augustin J., Hortensia M. and Josephine I., all of whom are now living with the exception of Ruth B. who died in infancy.

The parents are members of St. Mary's Catholic church of Riverside, Iowa, and are deeply and helpfully interested in its work. Mr. Bulger gives stalwart support to the democratic party and is now serving his second term as township trustee. Having passed his entire life in Iowa township, he is prominent in a wide circle of friends, and the fact that he is most respected where he is best known indicates that his life has at all times been in accord with the principles that govern upright and honorable manhood.

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### JESSE MARR.

One of the most progressive, successful and well known stock buyers and dealers in land in Washington county is Jesse Marr, of Ainsworth,—a man modest and unassuming in manner and retiring in disposition, yet with a force of character that enables him to accomplish what he undertakes and to win his success along the legitimate lines of trade. His grandfather, Woodford Marr, now deceased, was born near Cynthiana, Harrison county, Kentucky, October 6, 1803, a son of James and Polly Marr, the former a native of Kentucky and of Scotch-Irish descent, while the latter was a native of Virginia. Woodford Marr spent the first fifteen years of his life in the place of his nativity and then removed from Kentucky to Bartholomew county, Indiana, where he remained until 1842, at which time he came to Washington county, Iowa, casting in his lot among its first settlers. He was married in 1827 to Miss Margaret Jones, also a native of Harrison county, Kentucky, born in 1805. They had six children, of whom two are living: Thomas, the father of Jesse Marr and now a resident of Oregon township; and Sophronia, the wife of George Easter. There had been but few settlements made in this county when Woodford Marr established his home here in 1842. He aided in reclaiming the wild land for civilization and in planting the seeds of improvement on the western frontier. As the years passed he carefully directed his labors in business lines, became a substantial and progressive farmer and at the time of his death had accumulated quite an estate. His wife died August 21, 1886. In his political views he was a stalwart republican, giving unfaltering support to the principles of the party.

Thomas Marr, the father of Jesse Marr, still lives in Oregon township and is numbered among the representative agriculturists of this part of the state.

Jesse Marr was born in Oregon township, where he has spent his entire life and as the years have passed he has become well known as a stock buyer

and dealer in lands. He is classed among the most energetic and enterprising business men of the county. He is blessed with a fine personality and commands the respect of all of his associates. He possesses keen insight into business situations and believes in exacting his just dues but has never been known to overreach another in any business transaction. In demeanor he is very modest and unassuming and if it were left for him to tell nothing would be known about his record. His fellow townsmen, however, speak of him in terms of praise and of regard and give him classification with the most successful business men of the county. He owns among other substantial investments the farms of his two grandfathers, Woodford Marr and James Stewart. He shows the keenest discrimination in judging between the essential and the non essential, knows when and where and how to put forth his energies and as the years have gone by has greatly increased his prosperity through his judicious investment and careful management.

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### J. P. THOMAS.

J. P. Thomas is a large landowner of Washington county, also well known as a real-estate dealer in Washington, while his possessions likewise include Canada lands. He is a man of sound business judgment whose investments have been judiciously made and have brought to him a substantial financial return. Mr. Thomas is one of Iowa's native sons, his birth having occurred in Des Moines county on the 25th of April, 1859, his parents being T. W. and Ann (Jones) Thomas. The father was a native of South Wales and came to the United States at an early day, accompanying his parents, who located in Ohio. Removing westward, he established his home in Des Moines county, Iowa, and in 1880 he became a resident of Washington county, locating north of the city of Washington. There he resided until his death, which occurred in 1901. His entire life was devoted to general agricultural pursuits and as he had no assistance when he started out for himself, his success was won entirely through his own labors and perseverance. His wife was a native of London, England, and in early womanhood came to the United States. She located in Des Moines county, Iowa, and was there residing at the time of her marriage. She yet survives her husband and now makes her home in Washington, Iowa. In their family were eleven children, nine of whom are yet living.

After acquiring a good common-school education, Mr. Thomas of this review had the advantage of a course of instruction in Elliott's Business College at Burlington. He remained with his father upon the home farm until twenty-four years of age, during which time he assisted in the work of the fields and gained that practical experience that well qualified him for carrying on farm work on his own account. On leaving the parental roof he began the cultivation of a tract of land in Des Moines county, whereon he resided until 1890. He afterward spent one year in the real-estate business in Burlington and on the expiration of that period removed to Wellman,



where he was employed as special machine man in an agricultural implement store. There he remained until 1902, when he established a real-estate office in Washington, where he engaged in business until May, 1908. At that date he took up his abode on his present farm, which comprises five hundred and twenty-three acres of land in Brighton township, his mother, brothers and sisters owning the property with him. This property is valuable because of the excellent improvements upon it and the careful and systematic manner in which he conducts his business. He also has property in Texas, real-estate in Wellman and is interested in Canada lands. Not only does he successfully till the fields but also conducts a good business as a stockraiser, his annual sales of stock bringing to him a substantial return.

In 1892 Mr. Thomas was united in marriage to Miss Alma E. Downing, a resident of Washington county and a daughter of William A. and Emily L. (Blandin) Downing, her father being a native of Indiana. Her mother died April 3, 1898, and was buried near Weldon, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Downing had a family of ten children, namely: J. R., a veterinary surgeon, who is engaged in the livery business at Wellman; Eliza A., the wife of J. H. Skaggs, an insurance agent of Chicago; W. L., a practicing physician, who is now deceased; Alma E., the wife of our subject; Minnie A., the wife of C. E. Fleming, who is superintendent of schools at Tama, Iowa; Blanche M., the wife of R. E. Eyestone, a coal, wood and feed dealer of Groton, South Dakota; one who died in infancy; Pearl A.; Harold B., a lawyer and real-estate dealer of Atoka, Oklahoma; Ralph V., of Norman, Oklahoma, who is now serving as deputy county treasurer.

In his political views Mr. Thomas is a democrat and both he and his wife are worthy Christian people, Mr. Thomas holding membership in the Baptist church, while his wife belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church. He is also connected with the Knights of Pythias at Washington and his wife belongs to the ladies' auxiliary of that order, to the Women's Relief Corps in Washington and to the Eastern Star. Mr. Thomas is a man of marked business enterprise, who has ever recognized the fact that industry and perseverance constitute the best foundation upon which to build prosperity. His labors therefore have been conducted along those lines and have been resultant factors in the attainment of the gratifying success which he now enjoys.

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#### McDOWELL MAXWELL.

McDowell Maxwell is well known as a farmer and stockraiser of Crawford township and as a citizen of genuine worth. His entire life has been passed in this locality, his birth occurring July 31, 1855, about three-quarters of a mile north of the village of Crawfordsville. His parents, William and Sarah (Megaw) Maxwell, were both natives of Harrison county, Ohio, where they were reared. In the early '40s they arrived in Crawfordsville,

Iowa, making the journey by boat to Keokuk. Just before reaching their destination the boat was struck by another vessel going south and was so badly wrecked that it sank near the shore. All of the passengers were rescued, however, and Mr. Maxwell managed to save a little of his furniture but most of his goods were lost. He and his wife spent the winter at Keokuk and in the spring came to Crawfordsville, the remainder of their lives being passed on the farm now owned by F. J. Maxwell, three-quarters of a mile north of the town. They were people of the highest respectability whose many good qualities of heart and mind gained them the unqualified friendship and esteem of those who knew them.

McDowell Maxwell pursued his early education in the schools of Crawfordsville and afterward attended the Eastern Iowa Normal at Grandview, Iowa. All of his inclinations were along agricultural lines and the occupation to which he was reared he has made his life work. From early boyhood he has been actively connected with farming and stock-raising and about twenty years ago he located on the old Thomas Maxwell farm, three-quarters of a mile west of Crawfordsville, where he still resides. He is diligent, determined and energetic and his labors have won for him a measure of success that is most gratifying.

On the 11th of September, 1906, in St. Louis, Missouri, occurred the marriage of Mr. Maxwell and Miss Alpha Dial, of San Antonio, Texas. For sometime prior to her marriage, she had engaged in teaching in the public schools of San Antonio. She is a lady of broad culture and innate refinement and courtesy and presides with gracious hospitality over her pleasant home. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell has been born one son, William McDial. In his political views Mr. Maxwell has always been a republican, continuously supporting the party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He has never sought the rewards of office, however, for his party fealty. He belongs to the United Presbyterian church and has ever endeavored to guide his life by its teachings, so that he is found as a most honorable citizen, loyal to the principles of integrity, justice, truth and righteousness. As a business man he is strong of purpose, quick in perception and energetic and persistent in action.

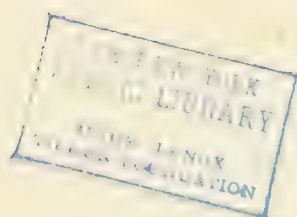
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#### H. H. WILLSON.

H. H. Willson, who for many years was identified with general farming and stock-raising interests in Line Creek township, but now makes his home in the village of Wellman, where he is living retired, was born in this county on the 26th of January, 1854, his parents being James Monroe and Eliza (Moon) Willson, who were natives of Pennsylvania and Maryland respectively. After their marriage they resided for a time in the Keystone state and then went to Ohio, whence they made their way to Iowa in 1843 in company with our subject's paternal grandparents. Here the father secured land and turned his attention to general farming. He died in 1893, while the mother



MR. AND MRS. H. H. WILLSON





passed away in 1895, their remains being interred in the old Taylor cemetery. Our subject's paternal grandfather, Horace H. Willson, came to this county in 1843 and entered land in Cedar township, where he followed farming and stock raising and also operated a sawmill on his farm. He was an influential member of the democratic party and served as a member of the fourth general assembly meeting in Iowa City. He was killed by a runaway team.

H. H. Willson spent his boyhood days on the old homestead under the parental roof and early became familiar with the work of the fields, being employed in connection therewith from the time of early spring planting until crops were harvested in the late autumn. Through the winter months he attended the district schools until he had mastered the branches of learning therein taught and subsequently he became a student in the Washington Academy, a well known educational institution of those days. For three terms he pursued his studies there and at the expiration of that period he returned to the home farm, where he again became actively connected with the work of the fields. Throughout his entire life to the time of his retirement he carried on general farming pursuits. In 1879 he purchased eighty acres of land and with the impetus of developing his own property resolutely set to work to bring the fields under a high state of cultivation. Year by year he carefully plowed and planted the land and in the autumn gathered rich harvests, the soil responding readily to the care and labor which he bestowed upon it. In addition to cultivating the cereals he also raised fine stock, his business in that direction reaching considerable proportions. He raised shorthorn cattle and also took up the task of breeding Hambletonian and Bashaw horses. While upon the farm he had some fine stock and this branch of his business proved quite profitable. Evidence of his increasing prosperity as the years passed was seen in the fact that by additional purchases he extended the boundaries of his farm until the eighty acres had been increased to two hundred and forty acres, while many substantial improvements were placed on the farm in the way of good buildings and modern machinery. He lived a most busy and useful life, making his efforts count for the utmost in the task of acquiring success through honorable, straightforward methods. In his early life Mr. Willson engaged in teaching school for nine terms and proved most capable in that department of labor but later, preferring to concentrate his entire energies upon his agricultural pursuits, met with success in his undertakings.

In 1879 Mr. Willson was united in marriage to Miss Eva Runyon, who was born in Jefferson county, Ohio, on the 15th of August, 1853. Her father was a Virginian and her mother a native of Pennsylvania. The latter, a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal church and an earnest Christian woman, died on the 12th of April, 1873. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Willson was born one daughter, Georgia Runyon, who became the wife of Dr. F. C. Carle and died June 27, 1905, her loss being a great blow to her parents, her husband and her many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Willson continued to reside upon the home farm until 1903, when he put aside the active work of the fields and removed to Wellman, where they are now living and occupying a fine residence in the

village. In addition to this property Mr. Willson yet owns his excellent farm in Lime Creek township and from it derives a substantial annual income. He is greatly interested in politics and is recognized as one of the democratic leaders of the party. He is ever able to support his position by intelligent arguments and also keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day. His popularity was manifest in the fact that in a republican township he was five times elected to the office of assessor and he also received his party's nomination for county auditor. His defeat amounted almost to a victory for he lost the election by only eighty-five votes although the normal republican majority was about four hundred votes. He thus ran far ahead of his party, receiving the support of many who hold different political views. He was elected to the state legislature, however, and was an able member of the thirtieth and thirty-first general assemblies. Both Mr. and Mrs. Willson have a large circle of warm friends in Lime Creek township, in Wellman and in fact throughout the county, their sterling traits of heart and mind endearing them to all who come in contact with them. His business enterprise in former years, his well managed interests and his enterprising spirit brought to him substantial success in his farming operations and with a competence to supply him with all of the comforts and some of the luxuries of life he is now living in retirement.

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### E. C. JONES.

E. C. Jones, who is numbered among the younger representatives of agricultural interests in this section of the county, was born in Lime Creek township, November 7, 1880, and is a son of F. C. and Elida (Sherman) Jones. The father, a native of Licking county, Ohio, came to Iowa with his parents in 1853, when but one year of age. The family home was established in Lime Creek township, Washington county, and on this farm F. C. Jones spent almost his entire life, passing away here October 15, 1900, at the age of forty-seven years. His wife still survives, however, at the age of fifty-three years and makes her home in Wellman. In their family were four children: E. C., of this review; H. J., a practicing physician of Keokuk county, Iowa; F. A., of this county; and Alice M., residing in Wellman.

In the common schools of Lime Creek township E. C. Jones acquired his education, remaining at home until he had attained his majority. At this time he rented a farm, which he operated for three years, at the expiration of which period he purchased the farm upon which he now resides. It consists of eighty-five acres on section 27, Lime Creek township, and is a well improved property. He has devoted his time and energy to the further improvement and cultivation of this land, while he has carried on his agricultural pursuits along strictly up-to-date and modern methods. Aside from his farming interests he has also had time to follow other lines of activity, being well known in the business circles of his township as a director of the Hawkeye Telephone Company.

On the 12th of November, 1902, Mr. Jones was married to Miss Ina McAvoy, who was born in Washington county, March 30, 1880. She is a daughter of John W. and Margaret E. (McAvoy) McAvoy, who were distant cousins. The father, a native of Ohio, is still living although the mother, born in Ireland, died in May, 1884. In their family were five children, which number included Mrs. Jones who, after leaving the high school, engaged in teaching school for four years prior to her marriage. She is a member of the Baptist church and a lady whose good traits of character have won for her many warm friends in the community.

Mr. Jones holds membership in Dayton Lodge, No. 149, A. F. & A. M., having filled all of its chairs, and is now worshipful master, while he and his wife are members of the Eastern Star. He is a republican in politics and is at present filling the position of township assessor. He is also serving as secretary of the school board, the cause of education finding in him a stalwart champion. His public duties have ever been discharged with a sense of faithfulness and fearlessness, combined with an appreciation of the responsibilities that rest upon him, and although he has not yet reached the thirtieth milestone on life's journey, he has nevertheless won the respect and confidence of his fellowmen and is recognized as one of the progressive and representative citizens of the township.

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### JOSEPH WALDSCHMIDT.

Joseph Waldschmidt owns and operates a farm of one hundred and twenty acres of land on section 7, Iowa township, and is also successfully engaged in raising and breeding fine grades of horses and cattle. One of Iowa's native sons, he was born in Washington county, March 17, 1871, a son of Michael and Eva (Streb) Waldschmidt, both natives of Germany. They arrived in America at an early date, first locating in Illinois. Recently they came to Washington county, Iowa, where the father has since passed away, while the mother now makes her home in Riverside. In their family were twelve children, eleven of whom still survive.

The common schools of this county afforded Joseph Waldschmidt his educational advantages, and he remained at home, assisting in the work of the farm, until he had reached his majority. Then deciding to follow as a life work the occupation to which he had been reared, he rented one hundred and twenty acres on section 7, Iowa township, which he purchased a year later and upon which he has continued to make his home. He has placed many improvements upon the farm and employs modern and up-to-date methods in the cultivation of his fields, while the success which has attended his efforts comes as the result of good management, sound judgment and untiring energy and perseverance. He has recently purchased thirteen acres of timber land and aside from his general agricultural pursuits engages in the raising and breeding of Hereford cattle and Percheron

horses, this branch of his business interests proving an additional source of a gratifying revenue.

Mr. Waldschmidt was married April 23, 1901, to Miss Viola Kueneman, a native of Johnson county, this state, and unto them were born the following children: Emmett M., Earl J., Gertrude M., Hubert M., Florence C. and Amilda C. Mr. and Mrs. Waldschmidt are members of the Catholic church, and the former gives his political allegiance to the democratic party, to the principles of which he is at all times most loyal. He is now serving as a school director and the cause of education finds in him a stalwart champion. He is public-spirited in his citizenship, lending his aid to all matters that tend toward the general upbuilding and progress of the community, while his success in business and his sterling traits of character place him among the representative citizens of Washington county.

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### SAMUEL M. PULVER.

Samuel M. Pulver, ranking among the substantial representatives of agricultural interests of Washington county, owns and operates a fine farm of eighty acres situated in Seventy-Six township, where he is also successfully engaged in raising Poland China hogs. He was born in Dutch Creek township, this county, on the 26th of February, 1861, a son of William M. and Jane (Alexander) Pulver, both natives of Ohio. The father, a carpenter by trade, came to Iowa as a young man, locating at Dublin, Dutch Creek township, Washington county, where he continued to work at his trade for some years. It was here that he made the acquaintance of Miss Jane Alexander, who had accompanied her family to Iowa two or three years prior to the arrival of Mr. Pulver. They were married in Dublin where they resided until 1865, when they removed to a farm two and a half miles northwest of the town. Here they made their home for thirty-five years, at the expiration of which time, in 1900, they removed to Keota, Iowa, where they have since resided, and the father is here devoting his time to building operations. He has always been a staunch supporter of republican principles, while he and his wife are consistent and faithful members of the United Presbyterian church.

Devoting the days of his boyhood and youth to the acquirement of an education as a pupil in the common schools of the county, Samuel M. Pulver remained at home, assisting his father in the improvement and cultivation of the farm until twenty-five years of age. Then wishing to engage in business on his own account, in 1886 he rented a farm in Dutch Creek township and for four years continued to operate it. In 1890, however, desiring that his efforts should more directly benefit himself, he purchased a farm of one hundred and twenty-seven acres in the same township but sold it two years later. The fall of 1894 witnessed his arrival in Seventy-Six township, where he again became a renter, operating what is known as the Stewart place. It was only for a year, however, for in the fall of 1895 he purchased his present farm of eighty acres, to which he removed the following spring.



This is a well improved tract of land and here he engages in general agricultural pursuits and stockraising, making a specialty of Poland China hogs, while both branches of his business are proving a profitable source of revenue to him.

Mr. Pulver established a home of his own by his marriage to Miss Mary Bennett, of Dutch Creek township, this county, the wedding being celebrated on the 13th of January, 1887. Mr. and Mrs. Pulver hold membership relations with the United Presbyterian church and are interested in all phases of the church work, while in politics he has ever remained a stanch republican. Although he served one year as township assessor, he is not a politician in the sense of office seeking. He is not, however, remiss in the duties of citizenship, but takes a deep interest in all matters relating to the welfare and upbuilding of the community. His many good traits of character have won for him the respect and good will of his fellowmen, while his intelligently directed energies, good management and untiring industry have placed him among the successful and prosperous farmers of this county.

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#### ELIAS WILLIAMS.

The present home farm of Elias Williams, which comprises one hundred and sixty acres of land in Crawford township, has been his place of residence since 1889, and during the years that have since come and gone he has developed the land into highly cultivated fields. He was born in North Wales, December 27, 1852, a son of Richard and Jane (Williams) Williams, both of whom were likewise natives of that country. The father there followed merchandising and emigrated to the United States in 1856, locating in Burlington, Des Moines county, Iowa. He there continued his residence until 1865, which year witnessed his arrival in Washington county. He took up his abode in Crawford township and made his home here until his death in 1892, his remains being interred in the Welsh cemetery in Louisa county. In politics he was a republican and in early life was identified with the Welsh church, in which he served as a deacon but in his later years he was affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal church at Crawfordsville. As above stated, the mother was likewise a native of Wales, where she was reared and married. She, too, is deceased, her death occurring in Washington county in 1904. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Richard Williams were born eight children: Rowland, who passed away in California; Kate, deceased; John, who has also departed this life; Elias; Anne, deceased; Mary, the wife of Hugh Evans, of Red Oak, this state; Harriett, deceased; and David, who makes his home in Wapello, Iowa.

Elias Williams, the third son and fourth child in his father's family, acquired his education in the common schools in Des Moines county and remained under the parental roof until he was twenty-five years of age and then operated land which he rented for one year. At the end of that time

he was married, the lady of his choice being Miss Maggie Evans, and the date of the wedding December 18, 1879.

Following his marriage, Mr. Williams operated a rented farm in Crawford township, Washington county, for two years and then, in partnership with his brother, purchased eighty acres, which he owned for some time. As he prospered in this venture, he was at length justified in making further purchase of land and in 1889 became the owner of his present tract, comprising one hundred and sixty acres in Crawford township. He also bought one hundred and twenty acres adjoining his farm. He has since erected a good residence, barns and other outbuildings and now has a well improved and valuable property. He devotes his time to general farming and in his work is meeting with gratifying success and is today classed with the substantial citizens of this section of Washington county. In addition to his other interests he also owns stock in the bank at Crawfordsville and is president of the same.

Mrs. Williams was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, a daughter of David and Jane (Williams) Evans. The father was a native of Wales, and emigrating to the new world in 1851, settled in Cincinnati, while in 1858 he established his home in Louisa county, Iowa, and there passed away in 1905. The mother, who was also a native of Wales, survived her husband's death only about four years, her demise occurring March 6, 1909. Mrs. Williams is the third member in a family of seven children, the others being: Mary Jane and Kate, both deceased; Thomas, a resident of Traer, Iowa; and Libbie, Esther and Ellen, all of whom have departed this life. By her marriage Mrs. Williams has become the mother of four children, David, Luther, Esther and Jennie, all at home.

In politics Mr. Williams is a staunch republican, having firm belief in the principles and policy of its platform. He has been central committeeman three years, while for twelve years he has served as trustee of the township. He is identified with the Welsh Congregational church, in which he is a deacon, and he is a charter member of the Odd Fellows lodge at Crawfordsville. A man of good business ability, he has made it his purpose to win in the line which he has chosen as his life work and that he has accomplished his aim is evidenced in the fine farm of which he is today the possessor.

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#### H. W. DEUKER.

Among the native sons of Washington county who are successfully engaging in agricultural pursuits is H. W. Deuker, who was born and reared upon the farm which is now his home and upon which his entire life has been spent. His birth occurred February 7, 1864, in a little log cabin erected by his father upon the old homestead. His parents were William and Catherine Deuker, both natives of Germany, who came to the United States in 1851. They first located in New York state, where the father engaged as a farm hand for two years. Continuing their journey westward they settled in

Washington county, Iowa, where Mr. Deuker purchased a farm on sections 15 and 22, Lime Creek township, and directed his energies toward cultivating the soil. As a shelter for the family a log cabin was built, covered with a clapboard roof, and supplied with a puncheon floor and door and a stick chimney. In this pioneer dwelling the family resided for eight years and then the more commodious frame house, which is still standing upon the place, was erected in 1866. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. William Deuker were three children, of whom two, Anna and Mary, have passed away. H. W. Deuker, of this review, was the third in order of birth. The parents spent their last days upon this homestead, the father passing away June 27, 1892, while the mother's demise occurred July 3, 1901.

H. W. Deuker is indebted to the common schools of the neighborhood for the educational advantages he enjoyed, while on his father's farm he obtained practical experience in the cultivation of the fields, early becoming familiar with the best methods of plowing, planting and harvesting. When only fifteen years of age he took entire charge of the home farm, operating it and making all purchases necessary for its successful conduct and superintending all of the selling. At the death of his mother in 1901 he came into full possession of the place, which is now known as Riverswell Stock Farm and is one of the finest farms in Lime Creek township. He has been signally successful in his business interests, being now the owner of four hundred and seventeen acres of land in this township, while he also makes a specialty of raising double standard polled Durham cattle, recorded in the Shorthorn Herd book and the Polled Durham Herd book. He handles only the highest grades and his stock has taken prizes at state fairs in Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Indiana, and international live stock shows at Chicago. It is not alone in agricultural circles that Mr. Deuker is well known, for he is prominently connected with financial interests of the county as vice president of the Wellman Savings Bank, while his various business activities combine to make him one of the prosperous and influential representatives of this county.

Happily situated in his home life, Mr. Deuker was united in marriage on the 24th of February, 1892, to Miss Candace A. Bull, a native of Washington county, her birth having occurred June 21, 1860. She is a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Page) Bull, both natives of Pennsylvania, who came to Iowa in the early '50s. Both have passed away, however, the father's death occurring in 1875, while on the 27th of May, 1898, the mother was called to her final rest. Their family of six children included Mrs. Deuker.

Mr. Deuker was reared in the faith of the Mennonite church and his entire life has been in accord with the principles of upright and honorable manhood. Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise he has been a stalwart supporter of the democracy, although he has never been an aspirant for public office as a reward for party fealty. The only office he has filled has been that of school director, and the cause of education finds in him a warm champion. Fraternally he is connected with Wellman Lodge, No. 92, I. O. O. F., in which he has filled all of the chairs, while at all times he is in sympathy with its spirit of brotherly kindness. He is not remiss in the

duties of citizenship, but is deeply interested in all matters that pertain to the material, intellectual and moral welfare of the community. Having passed his entire life in the locality in which he now resides, he has acquired an extensive acquaintance and the fact that he is most highly respected where he is best known is an indication that the salient characteristics of his life are such as command the confidence, esteem and good will of mankind.

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### DAVID McLAUGHLIN.

David McLaughlin, who is the most extensive stock-feeder in Washington county and who operates three farms aggregating in the neighborhood of one thousand acres of land, was born in Seventy-Six township, this county, September 27, 1867, a son of Daniel and Susan (Robb) McLaughlin. The father, who was born in County Donegal, Ireland, in 1831, came to the United States when he was eighteen years of age, landing in New York city. He spent five years between there and Brooklyn and while in that part of the country he lost three sisters, two brothers and also his mother by death, his father having passed away in Ireland. Thus left alone in the world, he came west and settled near Morning Sun, Iowa, where he was married and lived for about four years. In 1867 he removed to this county, settling on a farm in West Chester, where he spent his remaining days. He departed this life in 1902 and his remains were interred in Keota cemetery. His wife was also a native of Ireland, where their marriage was celebrated. She passed away in 1875 and was laid to rest beside her husband. They reared seven children: George, deceased; Samuel R., a United Presbyterian clergyman located at Eskridge, Kansas; Thomas, deceased; James, deceased; John D., a retired agriculturist of this place; David; and Charles W., of Washington, Iowa. Upon the death of their mother Mr. McLaughlin wedded Mrs. Hammil, who died in 1889.

After acquiring his preliminary education in the common schools, David McLaughlin completed a course of study in the Keota high school and later attended the academy at Washington for a few terms. He has since followed agricultural pursuits and has three elegant farms, one containing four hundred and seventy-five acres on sections 24 and 25, Franklin township, another embracing two hundred and sixteen acres in Franklin township, this one being known as the "Joseph Dawson" farm, and he also owns the old home place, containing two hundred and fifty-five acres, which lie in Seventy-Six township. All of these farms he keeps under a high state of cultivation, much of his land being in pastorage as his specialty is stock-feeding. He has large herds of cattle and hogs and is recognized as the most extensive stock-dealer in this county, this being the most remunerative department of his business.

In 1902 Mr. McLaughlin was united in marriage to Miss Ferne Taylor, by whom he has two children: Mildred and Marian, both of whom reside with their parents. Politically Mr. McLaughlin is an independent republican



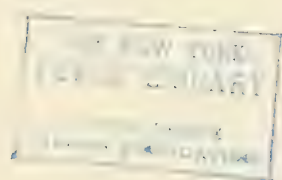
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in state and national affairs, in local politics standing on the side of prohibition, for he believes firmly in the advisability of curtailing the sale of liquor, if not altogether prohibiting its manufacture, and he is a strong factor in the prohibition movement in this vicinity. A member of the United Presbyterian church, he is regular in his attendance upon its services and his life, which is in harmony with the principles of his faith, together with his enterprise has won him the high regard of all with whom he has dealings and from a financial point of view he is one of the most substantial men in the county.

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### NICKOLAUS SUEPPEL, JR.

Among the German-American residents of Washington county who are meeting with success in agricultural pursuits is Nickolaus Sueppel, Jr., who owns and operates a farm of two hundred acres. He was born in Germany on the 25th of April, 1845, and is a son of Nickolaus and Mary A. Sueppel, also natives of the fatherland. The family removed to America in 1852, first locating in Erie county, Pennsylvania, where they resided until 1867. They then removed to Johnson county, Iowa, where the father passed away December 30, 1878, the mother's death occurring on the 8th of February of the following year. In their family were six children, the subject of this sketch being the only surviving child.

Coming to America when but seven years of age, Nickolaus Sueppel, Jr., acquired his education in the schools of this country, becoming a student of the German schools here, where he learned the English language and received good training. He also assisted in the work of his father's farm and remained at home until thirty years of age, when he purchased his present farm of two hundred acres of land. It is situated in Iowa township, Washington county and Sharon township, Johnson county, and is an excellent property. When the place came into his possession it was in an unimproved condition, the only dwelling upon it being a little log cabin. This, however, has since given place to a fine residence, while Mr. Sueppel has also erected good substantial barns and outbuildings and furnished all of the necessary improvements and equipment that go to make up a model farm of the nineteenth century. He has been most successful in the cultivation of his fields, and in addition to engaging in general farming he makes a specialty of raising and feeding cattle and hogs, thus greatly adding to his yearly income.

In 1875 was celebrated the wedding of Mr. Sueppel and Miss Elizabeth Schnoebelen, who was born in Washington county, Iowa, April 26, 1852, a daughter of Francis J. and Mary Agatha (Weber) Schnoebelen, who were natives of Alsace, Germany. Mrs. Sueppel was one of twelve children and by her marriage became the mother of fourteen children, as follows: Matilda, deceased; Rosalia A. and Mary E., at home; Olivia, who was born January 1, 1881, and died June 2, 1897; Philomania E., the wife of Charles Sherer, of Iowa township; Helen M., at home; Nickolaus I.; Antinetta C., the wife

of Victor Schmoebelen, of this township; Frances W.; Emma E.; Oliva C. and Leo T., twins; Hilda A.; and Amelia C.

The parents are members of the Catholic church, while Mr. Sueppel gives his political support to the democracy, exerting his influence at all times toward the adoption of its principles. He served as a member of the school board for several years and was deeply interested in all efforts toward the advancement of the public school system in this community. He is well known in this section of the country, where a large portion of his life has been spent, and his many good qualities have gained for him the friendship and regard of all with whom he has been brought in contact.

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### J. M. STEWART.

J. M. Stewart, who owns and operates a fine farm in Oregon township, Washington county, Iowa, also devotes much of his time and attention to stock raising, handling only the highest grades of blooded stock. He was born in Oregon township, November 3, 1858, a son of J. M. and Susanna (Mason) Stewart. The former was a native of Pennsylvania and removed to Dearborn county, Indiana, when it was but sparsely settled, clearing a farm for himself where he resided until 1848. In that year he removed to Oregon township, Washington county, Iowa, where he remained until about twelve years ago. His entire life was devoted to farming. His wife was born in Indiana, where she was reared and married, her death occurring in this county in 1903. In their family were ten children: Daniel, deceased; Sarah, the wife of Thomas Marr, of Oregon township; Archibald, who has passed away; Amos, a farmer and dairyman of Algona, Iowa; Martin, residing in Ainsworth; John, a farmer of Idaho; Mary, the wife of Amos Poland, of Avoca, Iowa; Frank, a resident of the state of Washington; J. M., of this review; and Isabel, the wife of W. T. Trotter, postmaster of Ainsworth. Although having passed the age limit, the father enlisted for service in the Civil war in 1862 and served for three years, winning a creditable military record.

J. M. Stewart was reared under the parental roof and is indebted to the district schools of the neighborhood for the educational privileges which he enjoyed. He remained at home until twenty-four years of age, when he embarked in agricultural pursuits for himself on the farm which has since become his own. It consists of one hundred and eighty acres of fine land, all under a high state of cultivation, while all of the improvements about the place have been made by Mr. Stewart. Aside from general farming he is also engaged in raising shorthorn cattle, hogs and chickens, making a specialty of handling only blooded stock. He belongs to the American Poland China Association and is a member of its executive board. This association numbers fourteen hundred members and Mr. Stewart was one of the thirteen chosen for expert judges, he being one of two from Iowa. He is consid-

ered one of the best judges in this line in the United States, and his word is taken as authority upon matters concerning Poland China hogs.

In 1882 occurred the marriage of J. M. Stewart and Miss Adel Cotthurst and in their family are the following children: Mary, the wife of William Lewis, a farmer of Crawford township, this county; Howard and Maybell, twins, at home; Thomas, Myrtle, Katie and Everette, all at home.

In politics Mr. Stewart is a democrat but he has never sought nor desired public office as a reward for party fealty, preferring to devote his entire time and attention to his business interests, which, capably conducted, are returning to him a substantial annual income. Having spent his entire life in this vicinity, he has acquired an extensive acquaintance and the fact that he is most respected where best known is indicative of the fact that his salient characteristics have at all times been those of honorable and upright manhood.

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### G. G. GRIFFITH.

A life of intense and well directed activity has made G. G. Griffith the owner of three hundred and eighteen acres of excellent farm land in Lime Creek township, whereon he is engaged in general agricultural and stock-raising pursuits. A native of Washington county, Iowa, he was born February 10, 1874, a son of John W. and Priscilla (Longwell) Griffith, natives of Indiana and Ohio respectively. The parents came to Iowa in 1854, where the father purchased land and engaged in farming. He is still living and makes his home with his son, G. G. Griffith. The mother, however, was called to her final rest June 7, 1899. In their family were six children, three of whom still survive: Elizabeth, the wife of M. V. Wagerman, of this county; Lucinda, the wife of Frank Guyer, also residing in this county; and G. G., of this review.

G. G. Griffith spent the period of his boyhood and youth in his father's home, and he attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education. The seasons of vacation were spent in the work of the farm, becoming familiar with the best methods of plowing, planting and harvesting, while the practical experience thus gained served him in good stead when, having attained his majority, he rented a farm and engaged in agricultural pursuits on his own account. He was thus employed until 1901, when he purchased a farm in this township known as the Grand View farm. He has added to this property from time to time and the success which has attended him in his business career is indicated by the fact that he now owns three hundred and eighteen acres, comprising one of the finest stock farms in Washington county. Aside from the cultivation of the soil he has made a specialty of breeding and raising cattle and hogs, and this branch of his business activity is proving of substantial financial profit to him.

Happily situated in his home life, Mr. Griffith chose as a helpmate for life's journey Miss Mary Krueger, a native of Washington county, her birth there occurring October 6, 1874. She is a daughter of Ferdinand and Fred-

ericka Krueger, both of whom are yet living and reside in this county. The wedding was celebrated in 1896, and as the years have come and gone two children have been added to the household, Walter F. and Calvin P.

In politics Mr. Griffith is a stalwart republican. He is a school director and in all matters of citizenship is loyal and active, giving his cooperation to all measures tending toward the material, intellectual, political and moral upbuilding and growth of the community. He early recognized the fact that there is no royal road to wealth and the success which he now enjoys is the logical result of a life of well directed energy and industry, while his sterling qualities have won for him the respect and good will of his fellowmen.

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### JAMES A. CARSON.

James A. Carson is a retired farmer residing on section 12, Oregon township. For a long period he was actively engaged in general farming but when his labors had brought him sufficient capital he put aside the more arduous work of the fields and is now living in the enjoyment of the fruits of his former toil. He is a native of eastern Tennessee, his birth having occurred in Blount county on the 16th of May, 1841. His parents were Alexander and Jane (Weir) Carson. The father was born in Indiana and when a boy went to Tennessee. He had not yet passed beyond the period of youth when he enlisted for service in the war of 1812. He became a resident of Washington county, Iowa, in 1855, at which time he located in Oregon township but was not long permitted to enjoy his new home, for his death occurred on the 12th of May of the same year and his remains were interred in the Camp Ground cemetery. His entire life was devoted to general farming. His wife was born in Virginia and they were married in Tennessee. Following their removal to Iowa she continued a resident of this county until her demise in 1875, when her grave was made by the side of her husband's in the Camp Ground cemetery. Their family numbered eleven children: Thomas E., D. F. and Mary C., all now deceased; Alexander, who has likewise passed away; Emeline, the wife of John McCrory, of Illinois; Phoebe Jane, who has departed this life; Sarah, the wife of William Robinson, of Ainsworth, Iowa; L. W., who died while serving in the Union army in the Civil war; James A., of this review; and Harriet Ann and Andrew V., both of whom are deceased.

James A. Carson pursued his early education in the schools of his native county and came to Washington county with his parents when a boy of fifteen years. His father dying soon afterward, he and his brother were left to care for the widowed mother and her children. Following the death of his mother in 1875 he began farming the old home place in connection with his brother Andrew and the business relation between them continued until about fifteen years ago, when the partnership was dissolved. James A. Carson still continues to manage his farm, although it is operated by a young man whom he reared. He is now the owner of one hundred acres of land, which he has brought under a high state of cultivation and which in its well



improved appearance indicates the careful management and progressive spirit of the owner. When he and his wife came to this farm there was not a sprout or anything growing upon the place. He has put up all of the buildings, which are of a substantial character and as the years pass he successfully carries on general farming, annually harvesting fine crops and marketing good stock. He has lived a life of well directed thrift, industry and perseverance and his labors have been fruitful, bringing him a substantial competence.

Mr. Carson was married on the 16th of April, 1878, to Miss Sarah Jane Hancher, who was born in New Athens, Harrison county, Ohio, a daughter of Robert and Catherine (Brokaw) Hancher. Her father was a native of Virginia, whence he removed to Ohio and later to Indiana. Subsequently he returned to the Buckeye state and came from Ohio to Iowa in 1876, locating in Louisa county. He was a lifelong farmer and he spent his last days in the home of his son-in-law, James A. Carson, where he passed away in June, 1908. For more than three decades he had survived his wife, who died on the 13th of March, 1877. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Hancher were seven children: John, deceased; Mrs. Carson; Daniel, living in Brownstown, Illinois; Manda, the wife of Frank Clarke, of Meadville, Pennsylvania; Martha Ann, who died in 1881; Robert F. C., a resident of Gladden, Iowa; Mary B., the wife of Charles Lovlett, of Washington, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Carson have reared two children: Robert Carroll, who is now operating the farm; and Viola Hancher, now the wife of Howard McGatlin, of this county. Mr. and Mrs. Carson had but one child of their own, a son, who was born February 6, 1879, and lived but one week.

Mr. Carson cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln in 1864. He has voted for forty-five years at Ainsworth—the straight republican ticket. He has always been most loyal and patriotic in his citizenship and does all in his power to promote the growth and insure the success of his party. For twenty-two years he has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, while his wife has been a member thereof for fifty-four years. He gives liberally to the support of the church and holds strongly to whatever he believes to be right and just in his relations with his fellowmen. In all of his business affairs he has been thoroughly reliable and honorable and his many good qualities have made his example one well worthy of emulation.

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### JOHN A. ROBINSON.

Macaulay has said that the history of a country is best told in the lives of its people and it is therefore a matter of interest when the record of such men as John A. Robinson is set down, for he has long been a resident of Washington county and for many years was numbered among the leading agriculturists. He is now, however, living retired at the venerable age of eighty-three years.

He was born in Ontario county, New York, May 22, 1825, and is a son of Benjamin and Sarah (Sanford) Robinson. He remained in the Empire state until twelve years of age and then went to Indiana, where he grew to manhood. There he resided until 1853, when he came to Iowa, settling in Des Moines, where he made his home for about three years. On the expiration of that period he removed to Lee county, Iowa, and in 1864 came to Washington county, locating on the farm where he now resides. He was the owner of two hundred and twenty acres of rich land, one-half of which he has since sold to his son Harvey, who has made the improvements thereon. Mr. Robinson has placed all of the buildings upon his farm and has converted the wild prairie into richly productive fields, having made his property one of the valuable farms of the county. His life has been one of well directed energy and industry which, in the course of years, has brought him a substantial measure of success that now enables him to live retired.

On the 8th of March, 1845, Mr. Robinson was united in marriage to Miss Almira Sanger, a native of New York, and unto them were born six children: Sanford C., who is a mining promoter now living in Gunnison county, Colorado; Sarah Eliza, the twin sister of Sanford, now deceased; Ellen, the wife of W. T. Plumb, a ranchman of El Paso county, Colorado; Harvey S., an agriculturist of Washington county, Iowa; Charles S., a mining promoter who is operating mining property in Mexico and makes his home in San Diego, California; and one who died in infancy. Mr. Robinson and his wife thus reared a family who have been a credit and honor to their name. They have resided in Washington county for forty-five years and at all times he has been interested in those things pertaining to the country's substantial growth and improvement. In all business transactions he has been thoroughly reliable and is esteemed and honored wherever known and most of all where best known.

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#### HARVEY S. ROBINSON.

Harvey S. Robinson, who successfully carries on general farming in Washington county, was born in Lake county, Indiana, on the 28th of March, 1851, and is a son of John A. Robinson. When a small boy he came to Washington county, Iowa, and acquired his early education in the district schools of Clay township. He later attended Oberlin College in Ohio but spent the greater part of his youth at home with his father, assisting in the work of the fields. He has been associated with him in partnership since he abandoned the profession of teaching, which he had followed in Ohio, while for two years he had also been a representative of that profession in Iowa. Since that time he has been with his father and together they own two hundred and ten acres of arable land on section 36, Clay township. They carry on general farming, raising the crops best adapted to soil and climate, and good grades of stock are also found upon their place.

In 1872 Harvey S. Robinson was united in marriage to Miss Lucretia E. Meachem and unto them have been born seven children: LeRoy, a farmer of Clay township; Arthur, a furniture dealer and undertaker in Richland, Iowa; Mary, the wife of E. L. Hamilton, a resident farmer of Aberdeen, South Dakota; Eugene, a minister of the Congregational church located in Chicago, Illinois; Charles, who is paymaster in a mining company operated under the name of Littel Brothers at Gunnison, Colorado; one who died in infancy; and Carrie, who died at the age of six years.

Mr. Robinson formerly gave his political allegiance to the republican party but now votes with the prohibition party for he deems the question of temperance one of the most important issues before the people of the country today and gives his aid and his influence for the suppression of the liquor traffic. He has served as assessor of his township for four years, was also school treasurer and at all times has been progressive in his citizenship. Both he and his wife hold membership in the Congregational church, in which he is serving as deacon. Mrs. Robinson is very active in temperance work and is now district president of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Their influence is always on the side of progress, truth and right, and their efforts have been a dominant force in promoting the moral development of the community.

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### J. M. CHITTUM, M. D.

The medical fraternity of Richmond, Iowa, finds a worthy representative in Dr. J. M. Chittum, who has here been engaged in the practice of his profession since 1898. He was born in Virginia on the 21st of September, 1868, a son of John P. and Sarah E. (Saville) Chittum, also natives of the Old Dominion, who continue to make their home in that state. In their family were thirteen children, namely: Dinah J., the wife of H. O. Black, of Virginia; Benjamin F., residing in Dayton, Ohio; Nancy F., the wife of C. F. Nicely, of Virginia; J. D. and Newton F., both of Virginia; J. M. and Josephine M., twins, the former the subject of this sketch and the latter now deceased; Jacob, making his home in Virginia; R. S., engaged in the work of ministry in Oklahoma; Anna, the wife of J. Newcomer of Idaho; Samuel D., residing in Virginia; and two who died in infancy. The father, a wagon-maker by trade, has followed that occupation all his life.

Dr. Chittum, whose name introduces this review, acquired his preliminary education in the common schools of his native state and remained at home until twenty-three years of age. He then went to Blanchester, Ohio, where he attended school for eighteen months, and then in 1890 came to Iowa, where he attended the academy at Washington for three years. During this period he worked mornings and evenings for Dr. G. H. Iscamp to cover the expense of his schooling and at the same time read medicine with the Doctor. He later attended the State University at Iowa City for one year and was then matriculated in the Barnes Medical College of St. Louis, from which,

after two years, he was graduated. After leaving college he returned to his home in Virginia, where he remained for three months, and then came to Washington county, Iowa, locating in Richmond in 1898. Here he engaged in the active practice of his profession, becoming very successful and prominent. From the outset of his career his patronage has been very good, gaining in importance continuously during the intervening years, until today he is ranked among the progressive, prosperous and well known representatives of the medical fraternity in this county. He has continued a close student of the science of medicine, keeping abreast of the progress made by the profession, especially in the last quarter of a century, and anything that serves as a key to unlock that mystery which we call life is of deep interest to him. He has also become very deeply interested in real estate of the community, being the owner of a block of lots in Richmond, also three lots in Kalona, Iowa, and ten acres of timber land in English River township, and he has built himself a fine residence and office in this city.

On the 17th of June, 1903, Dr. Chittum was united in marriage to Miss Treasey Smith, who was born in this city and is a daughter of Michael Smith, who is still residing in Richmond, being now in his eighty-fifth year. Mrs. Smith passed away in 1889. In their family were six children. Mrs. Chittum was a graduate of St. Mary's Sisters' school at Richmond, and is a lady of culture and refinement. She is a member of St. Mary's Catholic church, while Dr. Chittum holds membership in the Baptist church. Politically he is a republican but neither seeks nor desires office as a reward for party fealty, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business interests. He has gained recognition as one of the able and successful physicians of Richmond and by his labors, his high professional attainments and his sterling characteristics, has justified the respect and confidence in which he is held by the medical fraternity and the local public.

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#### L. J. BIDWELL.

Among the men who have assisted in making Brighton what it is today, commercially and financially, perhaps no one is more worthy of honorable mention than L. J. Bidwell, who in addition to having rendered the community invaluable service as a business man, has also from an executive standpoint rendered equally efficient and valuable service, having served as mayor of the municipality and also for a period of fifty years officiated in the office of justice of the peace. He is a stock-dealer whose business in that line has attained enormous proportions, his shipments being bound by no territorial limits for he has traded throughout several states of the Union, while at the same time he has also carried on a large business in grain. His career is not only one of gratification to himself by reason of the fact that it has surrounded him with prosperity but also to the entire county, inasmuch as it has benefited by his excellent commercial judgment and indefatigable energy.





L. J. BIDWELL



Mr. Bidwell was born in Clark county, Ohio, August 2, 1831, and was a son of Benjamin and Sarah (Goodnaugle) Bidwell. The grandfathers, both on the maternal and paternal sides, were soldiers in the Revolutionary war. His father was a native of Montpelier, Vermont, where he followed farming, and during the war of 1812 he was numbered among the soldiers of the Green Mountain Volunteers, serving throughout the years 1812-1814. On his removal to Ohio, he settled in Clark county, and when his son, L. J. Bidwell, was two years of age, removed to Champaign county, that state, locating near Urbana, from which after a twelve years' sojourn he removed to Allen county. When that county was divided his property lay in Auglaize county, where he lived from the year 1843 to 1854. During the latter year he removed to Brighton, Iowa, where he engaged in general farming until death called him from his activities in 1879. The mother of the subject of this review was a native of New Hampshire, but was married in Vermont, where two children were born to her, both of whom are deceased, and she died April 26, 1870, on her son's place near Brighton. The entire family numbered five children, namely: Rhoda Ann, Josiah, Benjamin, W. G., and L. J., all deceased with exception of our subject.

L. J. Bidwell received his preliminary education in the common schools and later attended the academy at Urbana, Ohio, for one term. After completing his studies he taught school for awhile, in 1855 giving up the profession and coming to Brighton, Iowa, where he remained throughout one summer. He then went to Stacyville, Monroe county, Iowa, where he engaged in the live-stock business, later associating with this enterprise that of handling general merchandise, and while in that city he served for four years as postmaster. His entire stay in that place covered eight years, at the termination of which period he removed to Jefferson county, where he bought a farm located three miles and one-half from Brighton and remained on the property from 1864 until 1892, when he settled in the village that is now his home. Throughout his entire career he has been a **heavy shipper** of all kinds of live-stock, his connections with this business covering over half a century, and he is the oldest live-stock dealer in this county and probably in the state of Iowa. After removing to Brighton he still continued in this business and also shipped large quantities of grain, but recently he has given up the latter undertaking and now confines his attention to the farm. His business career has been one of eminent success and he now possesses valuable real estate in this village where he owns, among other properties, **four fine dwelling houses.**

The war period did not pass by without engaging the attention and receiving the services of Mr. Bidwell, for in 1862 he lived near the Missouri border where frequent raids occurred and he was instrumental in organizing a company called the Stacyville Union Rangers, of which he was commissioned the captain by Governor Samuel J. Kirkwood, of Iowa. In the fall of 1862 Mr. Bidwell with the members of his company, being anxious to participate in the war, went to Clinton when the Eighteenth Regiment was mobilizing, there expecting to join that regiment, but they arrived too late as the entire regiment had been made up so that the government sent Mr.

Bidwell and his company back, defraying the expenses of the journey. Still persisting in his endeavor to give vent to his patriotism, Mr. Bidwell attempted to enlist in the military ranks on the Union side, but, being repeatedly refused owing to disability, he was finally compelled to acquiesce.

In 1853 occurred the marriage of Mr. Bidwell and Miss Louisa Smith, to which union was born one child, Lorenzo E., who in his twenty-second year met death in an accident with a horse on his father's farm in Jefferson county. The mother having departed this life in 1855, Mr. Bidwell the following year wedded Miss Sarah Smith, by whom he had the following children, namely: Sarah Louisa, deceased; Loren, deceased; James E., an undertaker and furniture dealer of Wellman, Iowa; Lucetta B., wife of James H. Gilmore, an agriculturist of Republic county, Kansas; Clement, who resides here; and Elnora, the wife of Levi Smith, an agriculturist of Republic county, Kansas. Death claiming his second wife in 1891, Mr. Bidwell the year following married Mrs. Mary A. Campbell, who entered into rest April 9, 1904.

Mr. Bidwell has always given his allegiance to the democratic party and, taking profound interest in local affairs, has served in a number of offices and is now performing the duties of chief executive of Brighton for the sixth term. For fifty years also he has been a justice of the peace, in which capacity his administrative ability is widely recognized. His long life of endeavor in this locality has been of great advantage to the community and he has already stamped a lasting impression on its business, social and commercial life.

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### SAMUEL TURKINGTON.

Samuel Turkington, well known as a representative farmer of this county, was at one time the owner of four hundred and sixty acres of land and still has a valuable and productive property although he has given some of his land to his children. He was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, January 2, 1840, a son of James and Margaret (Courtney) Turkington. His father was born in Ireland where he spent his entire life, giving his attention to general agricultural pursuits. In the year 1859 his widow sailed for the United States, making her way into the interior of the country, settling in Louisa county, Iowa, near Letts, where she made her home until her death on the 15th of August, 1889. In the family of this worthy couple were six children: Eliza, the wife of Joseph Rainey, residing in Louisa county, Iowa; Sarah, deceased; Samuel, of this review; Christopher, who is living in New London, Iowa; James, who makes his home near Letts; and one who died in infancy.

Samuel Turkington acquired his education in the common schools of Ireland, where he remained until 1854, when he came to the United States. For two years he resided in Kentucky and then removed to Louisa county, Iowa, where he remained until 1869, when he came to his present place of



residence in Washington county. Here he has resided continuously since and has been closely associated with the agricultural interests of the community. He now owns one hundred and sixty acres of land in Washington county and eighty acres in Louisa county. At one time he had four hundred and sixty acres of fine land from which he derived a very substantial income but he has since given some of this to his children, retaining the ownership of two hundred and forty acres. He has improved his fields until they annually bring forth rich harvests, and though he started out in life empty-handed, he is now in possession of a handsome competence that wins him classification with the substantial residents of this part of the state.

The only interruption that has come to Mr. Turkington's active business career was when he joined the army, enlisting in 1862 as a member of Company G, Nineteenth Iowa Infantry. He was in Tyler, Texas, for eleven months as a prisoner of war, having been captured by the Confederate army. When he entered the prison he weighed two hundred pounds but was of much lighter weight when he left there and has never weighed that much since. He served for almost three years in defense of the Union and was in the battle of Prairie Grove, Arkansas, and in various skirmishes. He was taken prisoner near the mouth of the Red river. When the war was over he received an honorable discharge and returned to his home, having made a most creditable military record by the prompt manner in which he executed every order of command that was given him and by the fearlessness which he displayed in defense of the old flag. He now maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades through his membership in the Grand Army Post at Crawfordsville, taking much delight in its camp fires. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he was steward.

Mr. Turkington has been pleasantly situated in his home life. In 1865 he was united in marriage to Miss Lucretia See, who was born in Des Moines county, Iowa, and was a daughter of Michael and Elizabeth (Miller) See. Her maternal grandmother was a Hanks and an own cousin of Abraham Lincoln who had many a meal at her table. The mother of Mrs. Turkington bought her first "store dress" of Lincoln while he was peddling goods across the state of Indiana. Michael See, the father of Mrs. Turkington, was born in Virginia and became a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church, devoting fifty years of his life to the work of preaching the gospel in connection with the Iowa conference. He died in 1900 and at that time was among the oldest preachers of the state. His influence was a most potent force for good and the seeds of truth which he planted have borne rich fruit in the lives of many who came under his ministration. Unto him and his wife were born one son and five daughters, the eldest being Mrs. Turkington, while the others were: Lois, the wife of Richard Williams; Rebecca, the wife of John Latta; Mary, the wife of J. W. Thompson; Anna, the wife of Taylor Wilkins; and John W., who is living in Winfield, Iowa. There were also two half sisters, Mrs. Allie Thomas and Mrs. Ada Simons. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Turkington has been blessed with seven children: Robert James, a farmer residing in Crawford county, Iowa; Michael C., deceased; Christopher,

living near Letts, Iowa; Anna, the wife of Clyde Mathews, of Wyman; Samuel, at home; Nora, the wife of Charles Zickefoose, of Crawford township; and Margaret May, at home. The family is well known in this part of the state and have many friends here. Mr. Turkington is a representative agriculturist who has won his success through persistent and earnest labor and sound judgment. His work has ever been done in an orderly and systematic manner and his achievements are the result of close application and unremitting energy.

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### HARRY G. MOORE.

Harry G. Moore, founder and promoter of the Wellman Savings Bank, and a prominent representative of financial interests in Washington county, has, in an active and useful life fraught with success, manifested much of the spirit of the initiative. He has quickly recognized opportunities and moreover, has displayed ability in coordinating forces whereby practical results have been achieved and business enterprise has been advanced.

Mr. Moore is a native of Leavenworth, Kansas, born October 28, 1860. His father, Ephraim Moore, was born in Chillicothe, Ohio, and was of German descent. He learned and followed the carpenter's trade, being thus identified with building interests in Iowa in early manhood. He had come to this state in his childhood days with a brother, settling in Burlington, and it was there that he acquainted himself with carpentering. He afterward spent ten years in the mines of California and was quite successful in his search for gold on the Pacific coast. Returning by way of New York he again made his way westward to Burlington, where he remained until 1858, when he went to Kansas, where he met and married Miss Margaret Gwin. For a number of years he continued a resident of the Sunflower state, but in 1875 returned to Burlington, where he spent his remaining days. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and an active worker for its growth and upbuilding. In his fraternal relations he was a Mason and in his political views was an earnest republican. He held minor civil offices and was a member of the border militia at Leavenworth at the time of the Civil war. His life was one of activity, and his enterprise and determination were the salient features in the success which he enjoyed. He died in Burlington in 1878, at the age of fifty years. His wife was born in Washington county, Iowa, in April, 1845, and is a daughter of Richard Gwin, a native of England, who came to the United States when a young man and first settled in Virginia. Subsequently he became a resident of Tennessee. He married Miss Nancy Watkins, of English descent, who lived in Kentucky at the time of her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Gwin, removing to Iowa in 1840, settled in Washington county their home being in English River township. He entered a tract of land there from the government and although not a furrow had been turned or an improvement made thereon at the time, he transferred the wild land into productive fields and resided there for eighteen years. He then went to Kansas, where he

spent his remaining days. He and his wife were among the earliest settlers of Washington county and of the state and were closely connected with the substantial development of southeastern Iowa. Their daughter Margaret became the wife of Ephraim Moore, and they traveled life's journey together until separated by his death in 1878. There were two children of that marriage: Harry G.; and Isabel, now the wife of R. W. Barger, one of Chicago's prominent attorneys. Since the death of her first husband, Mrs. Moore has become the wife of Dr. B. F. Parker, to whom she gave her hand in 1892. They now reside in Independence, Missouri.

In the public schools of Olathe, Kansas, Harry G. Moore acquired his early education and continued his studies in the public schools and in the business college in Burlington. He afterward spent two years in the State University and for one year engaged in teaching school. During the periods of vacation he learned and followed the upholsterer's trade in Burlington, working in that line for some time in Burlington and in Des Moines. In 1885, however, he entered into active relations with the banking business, becoming connected with the Merchants National Bank of Des Moines in the capacity of clerk. His close application and the ability with which he discharged his duties won him promotion from time to time until he became assistant cashier of that institution. On the 1st of April, 1888, he arrived in Wellman, where he established a private bank, which was designated as the Wellman Bank, and which had a continuous existence until September, 1889. He has organized a savings bank, with a capital of ten thousand dollars and is still engaged in the banking business as cashier of the Wellman Savings Bank. He has had almost a quarter of a century's experience in this field of labor and ranks with the leading financiers of the county, having intimate and comprehensive knowledge of the best methods of carrying on the business and supervising the interests of the depositors, while at the same time he wins success for the stockholders. In addition to his other business interests he is connected with the Wellman Telephone Exchange, of which he is the president and he also owns three hundred acres of valuable land in Lime Creek township.

On November 20, 1888, Mr. Moore was united in marriage to Miss Minnie B. Kerr, who was born in English River township, Washington county, in 1864. She is a daughter of W. E. and Violet (Bush) Kerr. Her father, well known as Squire Kerr, is one of Washington's most prominent citizens. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Moore has been born one child, Myrtle, whose birth occurred in September, 1890. She is a graduate of the Wellman high school of the class of 1907, and afterward pursued a year's course in St. Katherine's School for Young Ladies, at Davenport, while for the past year she has been a student in Oberlin College of Ohio. She has decided talent for music, which she is cultivating.

In his fraternal relations, Mr. Moore is a Knight of Pythias, while politically he is connected with the republican party and religiously with the Baptist church, being one of the trustees of the last named organization. His interest in community affairs has been far-reaching and beneficial. For about twenty years he has been president of the school board and the cause of

education has found in him a stalwart champion. He was mayor of Wellman for several terms, during which period his championship of various measures proved of decided benefit to the city. He is a strong advocate of reform and progress, at all times exerting his official prerogatives for the public good, and he is now a member of the town council. He has always taken a deep interest in political affairs and in everything relative to the city's upbuilding and is now chairman of the finance and water commissions. He was chairman of the county republican committee for some years and in that connection displayed excellent powers as a manager. He is president of the Wellman Commercial Club and in social relations his position is an enviable one. Energetic, prompt and notably reliable, he has placed his dependence upon the substantial qualities of unfaltering industry and determination in the acquirement of success and in control of public affairs. Faultless in honor, fearless in conduct and stainless in reputation, his record is one which reflects credit upon the history of his adopted county.

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#### ELLIS WALTON.

Ellis Walton, a well known representative of the farming interests of Washington county, was born in Clay township, December 20, 1857, and is a son of Ellis and Elizabeth J. (Edwards) Walton. The father was a native of Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, born September 8, 1813, and his parents were Isaac and Ellen (Davis) Walton. The Waltons are of English lineage, three brothers of the name having come to America with William Penn and were with him under the famous elm tree where the treaty with the Indians was signed, whereby the territory now known as the state of Pennsylvania was conveyed to Penn and the white race. The great-grandfather of our subject and two of his brothers purchased the reserve tract on the Susquehanna river from William Penn. Since that date representatives of the family have resided in the Keystone state.

Ellis Walton, Sr., was reared on his father's farm in Lycoming county and acquired his education in the subscription schools of Pennsylvania. In April, 1835, he removed westward to Sangamon county, Illinois, where he lived for a short time and in February, 1836, went to Tazewell county, Illinois. In company with Jacob and Walter Dillon, with knapsacks on their shoulders, he started for Iowa on foot and on reaching Washington county Mr. Walton secured one hundred and sixty acres of land in Clay township, entering the tract from the government. This state was still under territorial rule and much of the rich prairie land was then wild and uncultivated. In fact comparatively little of it had been taken up as claims and the unsettled condition of the state is indicated by the fact that the Indians were still here, including the chief Wapello. As a companion and helpmate for life's journey he chose Miss Elizabeth J. Edwards, a native of Clinton county, Ohio, and a daughter of Gideon and Mary (Dillon) Edwards, natives of Pennsylvania and Virginia, respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Walton, Sr.,



became the parents of twelve children: Isaac, who was born April 22, 1841, and died September 23, 1885; Ann M., who was born March 21, 1842, and is now deceased; Mary, who was born April 16, 1843, and died December 11, 1851; Ellen, who was born August 7, 1845, and is the wife of H. S. Bradley, who is engaged in the nursery business at Oak City, North Dakota, making a specialty of handling fruit trees; George, who was born August 27, 1847, and is a railroad contractor in Mexico; Charles, who was born August 30, 1850, and follows farming in Clay township; Jane, who was born April 29, 1853, and is now deceased; Sarah, who was born August 9, 1855, and is conducting a hotel at Hobart, Oklahoma; Ellis, of this review, born December 20, 1857; William, who was born February 8, 1860, and is engaged in the livery business in San Diego, California; John, who was died January 20, 1862; and Thomas who was born February 14, 1865, and is also engaged in the hotel business at Hobart, Oklahoma. The mother of these children died March 23, 1878, and was buried at Pleasant Plains, while the father passed away in August, 1891, and was laid to rest by her side in that cemetery. He had for a long period been closely and actively associated with general farming interests and also had engaged in raising fine blooded horses. He was known as a leading and energetic business man of the county and took an active and helpful part in promoting its early up-building and progress.

Ellis Walton pursued his education in the common schools of Clay township and also at Pleasant Plains. He was early trained to the work of the farm and remained at home as his father's assistant until the death of the latter, when he entered into partnership with his brother Charles. Their business relations were continued until about four years ago, when Ellis Walton purchased the farm upon which he now resides, comprising two hundred acres of rich and productive land on sections 26, 34 and 35, Clay township. He has brought his fields under a high state of cultivation and has added many modern improvements to the farm. He also devoted much time to the raising of fine horses, giving his attention to blooded Norman stock for thirty years, during which time he has handled some of the finest horses found in this part of the state. He has likewise raised high-grade shorthorn cattle and Poland China hogs, and he is one of the stockholders in the telephone company. While he was living on the home place the residence was destroyed by fire in 1897, but he and his brother immediately put up the necessary improvements occasioned by their loss. Ellis Walton is now concentrating his energies upon the further development and improvement of his present farm and is widely known as a leading agriculturist and one of the most able and successful stock raisers of this part of the state.

On the 10th of October, 1883, Mr. Walton was united in marriage to Miss Kate Kendell, a resident of Jefferson, Iowa. Her father, Joseph Kendell, who was a native of Ohio, and a cooper by trade, came to Iowa about sixty years ago and located at Pleasant Plains, Jefferson county, where he followed farming for some years, but eventually retired from active labor and removed to Fairfield. His wife died on the 17th of March, 1903, and was buried at Brighton, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Walton became the parents of

four children: Lawrence J., born December 18, 1886; Grace O., born March 16, 1890; Fred W., September 18, 1894; and Ray E., born September 27, 1899.

In his political views Mr. Walton has always been a stalwart republican, voting with the party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He is now serving as a trustee in Clay township and also as school director. He represents one of the oldest and most prominent families of this part of the state and has himself been a resident of the county for more than a half century, during which time he has witnessed its substantial growth and improvement and borne his full share in the work of progress in agricultural lines. He displays sound business judgment in the control of his interests and his success is well merited.

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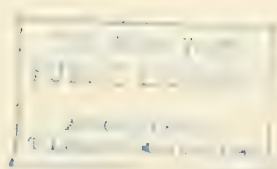
### ALEXANDER HENDERSON.

Among the residents of Washington county, Iowa, who by their former toil have acquired sufficient competence to enable them, in the evening of life, to live retired in the enjoyment of well earned rest, is numbered Alexander Henderson. A native of Blount county, Tennessee, he was born July 14, 1837, a son of J. J. and Margaret (Walter) Henderson, the former presumably a native of Tennessee, who came direct to Iowa in the spring of 1856 and located in Oregon township, Washington county. The mother was born in Tennessee and was there married. She spent her entire life in that state and there passed away in the year 1844, being laid to rest in the Big Spring cemetery. This couple were the parents of four children: Walker deceased; Alexander, of this review; Mary Jane and William E., both deceased. After the death of his first wife J. J. Henderson was again married, his second union being with Miss Tillie Allen. Unto them were born three children: Margaret O., deceased; Elizabeth M., the wife of Samuel Sands, residing in Washington, Iowa; and Esther Caroline, the wife of James Sands, also of Washington, Iowa. The father of the family passed away in 1872 and was buried in the Ainsworth cemetery. His entire life had been devoted to farming interests.

Alexander Henderson is indebted to the public schools of his native state for his educational privileges and as a young man of nineteen years accompanied his parents on their removal to Iowa. He remained at home until the outbreak of the Civil war, when he enlisted as a member of Company C, Eleventh Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and was **honorably discharged** after a service covering more than three years. He saw much active service and participated in the battles of Shiloh, Corinth, Vicksburg, in the Atlanta campaign and in several skirmishes, winning for himself a creditable military record. After leaving the army he returned to his home in Oregon township, Washington county, Iowa, and here remained until his marriage in 1874. He then removed to his present location, where he engaged in general agricultural pursuits. As the years passed he prospered, his rich fields yield-



MR. AND MRS. ALEXANDER HENDERSON





ing abundant harvests in return for the care and labor expended upon them, and in the course of time he was able to put aside the active duties of farm life and enjoy in retirement, the comfortable competency which he had earned. His farm consists of two hundred and eighty acres of land, all highly cultivated and supplied with substantial buildings and all improvements to facilitate the work of tilling the soil. The air of thrift and prosperity that pervades the entire place is indicative of the careful and progressive methods employed by the owner.

The year 1874 witnessed the marriage of Mr. Henderson and Miss Sarah Maude Shaw, a native of Blount county, Tennessee. At the age of five years she removed with her parents to Illinois, and thence to Iowa, settling in Louisa county in 1855. She is the only surviving member of a family of four children, the others being Martha, Nancy Jane and William Franklin. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Henderson have been born five children: a child who died in infancy; John H., deceased; Samuel Harvey, with his father at home; David Franklin, who married Myrtle Morland; and Mary Ethel, at home.

Mr. Henderson is a member of the United Presbyterian church, while in politics he is a republican. Although the honors and emoluments of office have had no attraction for him, he nevertheless does all in his power to extend the growth of his party and to further its influence. Public-spirited in his citizenship, he is interested in all that pertains to the welfare of the community and lends his influence to those measures which have for their object the upbuilding and improvement of Washington county. For more than a half century he has resided in this county and during this period he has gained a wide circle of warm friends, and that he is most respected where he is best known is indicative of the fact that his personal qualities are those which in every land and clime command respect and confidence.

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### AARON BEAUCHAMP.

A well improved farm of one hundred and fifty acres, lying in Crawford township, is the home of Aaron Beauchamp, who is numbered among the pioneer residents of Washington county. He was born in Pickaway county, Ohio, April 11, 1833, a son of John and Nancy (Wilson) Beauchamp. The father was likewise a native of the Buckeye state and in 1835 removed to White county, Indiana, there remaining until 1852, when he journeyed by wagon to Washington county, this state. He established his home in Crawford township and followed farming until the time of his death. The mother, also born in Ohio, died in Washington county. Their family numbered twelve children but Aaron of this review is the only surviving member, the others being Mary Ann, James, Risdon, Moses, Margaret, John, Andrew, William, Sarah Jane, Nancy Jane and Francis Marion.

Aaron Beauchamp, the ninth in order of birth acquired his education in the common schools of Washington county and of Indiana, being a youth

of nineteen years at the time of the parents' removal here. When starting out to make his own way in the world, he broke raw prairie, breaking in all six hundred and thirty acres. This he cultivated six years and then came to his present home, his first dwelling being a log cabin, in which he lived three years. He then replaced this crude structure with a more modern and comfortable dwelling which he has since occupied and also built substantial out-buildings. He owned in one body three hundred and forty acres but has since disposed of some of this and now retains possession of but one hundred and fifty acres, located in Crawford township. In addition to general farming he raises stock, keeping only the best grades, and in both branches of his business he is meeting with success. It has been through the inherent force of his nature and the utilization of opportunities that has placed him where he today stands, for he started out with no capital, depending entirely upon his own labors in acquiring a competence.

Mr. Beauchamp established a home of his own in 1859, by his marriage to Miss Sarah Jane Zickefoose, a resident of Henry county, Iowa. Unto them have been born eleven children, as follows: Benjamin Franklin, who died in infancy; Francis Harvey, who follows farming in Crawford township; Ura Ulysses, also a farmer of this township; Charles, who makes his home in Gas City, Kansas; Christy, of Lucas county, Iowa; Clara, the wife of William Crosley, of Wapello, Iowa; Laura May, the wife of Frank Green, of Missouri; Clyde, a farmer of Louisa county, Iowa; Rosa Jane, who has departed this life; Ollie, the wife of Scott Welsh, of Crawford township; Jesse, who passed away when seventeen years of age.

In politics Mr. Beauchamp is a republican and has served as road supervisor but otherwise has not filled public office. Both he and his wife are devoted and helpful members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Unlike other pioneers, it was a long and strenuous task that presented itself to Mr. Beauchamp in carving out a home in an undeveloped region but he met it with a steady resolution that has been characteristic of his entire life. He has seen Washington county, during the fifty-seven years of his residence here, develop from a wild and unsettled district into one of the prosperous communities of this commonwealth and not only has he witnessed this change but he has been an active participant in much that has been accomplished in this direction. He has just passed the seventy-sixth milestone of life and now in the evening of his days, owing to former years of toil, is supplied with all the comforts of life and can now spend his remaining days in comparative ease.

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#### SAMUEL A. ENGLAND.

Samuel A. England, a native of Lime Creek township, Washington county, Iowa, was born November 25, 1871, a son of G. W. and Jennie (Danley) England. The parents were born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, and came to this county at an early date. They still survive and make their home in the city of Washington, Iowa. In their family were two children: Sam-

uel A., the subject of this record; and Estella, the wife of T. J. Neiswanger, residing at Harvey, Iowa.

Samuel A. England acquired his education as a pupil of the common schools, while the periods of vacation were devoted to the work of the farm, in which he early learned lessons concerning the value of perseverance and industry. He remained at home assisting his father in the cultivation and improvement of the farm until twenty-nine years of age, when he rented the home place of three hundred and twenty acres, which he has since made his home. It is a well improved property, the fields being under a high state of cultivation, while annually they yield rich harvests in return for the labor and care expended upon them. Aside from his general agricultural pursuits he makes a specialty of raising and feeding hogs, and this branch of his interests is proving a source of substantial profit to him.

In January, 1894, Mr. England was united in marriage to Miss Calla Davenport, who was born in 1876, a daughter of George and Myra Davenport, who are now both deceased. In their family were five children, including Mrs. England, who, by her marriage became the mother of a son and daughter, George E. and Dorothy E.

In his political affiliations Mr. England is a stanch republican and on that ticket was elected by his fellow citizens to the position of constable, remaining incumbent in this office for fourteen years, while he also served as school director for three years. Public-spirited in citizenship, he is at all times desirous for the substantial growth and progress of the community, while his duties as a public official were at all times discharged with a promptness, faithfulness and fearlessness that won for him the approval and endorsement of his fellow citizens. Fraternally he is allied with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Wellman, and his life record is a worthy exemplification of its spirit of universal brotherhood.

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#### F. W. HARDING.

F. W. Harding is one to whom fate has vouchsafed rest from labor. He labored diligently for many years in tilling the soil but is now retired, enjoying the competence which came to him as the years passed by. He was born in Morgan county, Ohio, February 22, 1835, his parents being L. G. and Mary (Brannon) Harding. At an early period in the development of this state the father came with his family to Iowa and settled in Oregon township, where he lived until his death, being numbered among the respected and worthy farmers of that locality.

F. W. Harding was educated in the common schools of Ohio. He remained at home until twenty years of age and then started out in life on his own account, learning the shoemaker's trade at Lytleburg, Ohio, where he was employed for four years. On the expiration of that period he came west to Bureau county, Illinois, where he engaged in buying horses for a year and then continued on his way across the Mississippi, establishing his home in

Washington county, Iowa. Here he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land and today it is a valuable property as the result of the improvements he has placed upon it and the care and labor which he has bestowed upon it in the cultivation of the fields. In addition to raising the cereals best adapted to climatic conditions here he has also given considerable attention to raising horses and hogs. He was for many years actively interested in the county fairs, recognizing how valuable such undertakings may become as a stimulus to the residents of the county in the production of high grades of live stock and farm and other products. He also took a deep interest in the Grange and was one of its organizers. In fact he gave his attention and support to every movement calculated to promote the progress and upbuilding of the county in agricultural lines.

On the 31st of December, 1870, Mr. Harding was united in marriage to Miss Harriet Dye and unto them were born eight children: Elmer, deceased; Alta, living in Rock Island, Illinois; Laura, the wife of Hugh Newell, of Denver Colorado; John D., a farmer residing near Mexico, Missouri; Emma, the wife of Harry Caple, of Muscatine, Iowa; Edward, who is conducting a restaurant in Des Moines; Mary, the wife of Allen Gaines, of Ainsworth; and Cora Ellen, who died in infancy.

Mr. Harding is an unfaltering advocate of the republican party, inflexible in his support of its principles. He believes so firmly in its purposes that he does everything in his power to secure its success and it is told that he rose one time at midnight in order to influence two men to give the party their allegiance. Both he and his wife are consistent and faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church and he was at one time a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Washington but took a demit from the lodge. He is a forceful, convincing talker and a man of considerable local influence, highly esteemed throughout the community for what he has accomplished and the honorable life he has led.

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### THOMAS HARDING.

Thomas Harding is one of the venerable citizens of Washington county, having passed the eightieth milestone on life's journey. He was born in Morgan county, Ohio, in the fall of 1828 and is a son of Lewis G. and Mary (Brannon) Harding. The father was a native of West Virginia but in his boyhood days went to Ohio and after three years spent in Illinois he removed to Iowa in 1860. He continued a resident of this county throughout his remaining days and died in 1878. In his youth he had been his father's assistant in a hotel but with that exception he always gave his attention to general farming. The Hardings are of an old American family, originally from England, and representatives of the name lived for some time in Delaware before a removal was made to West Virginia. It was William Harding, the great-grandfather of our subject, who came from England in pioneer times. The mother of our subject was born in West-



moreland county, Pennsylvania, and was married in Ohio, while her death occurred in Iowa in 1885. The family numbered ten children: Benjamin and Mary Jane, both deceased; Thomas, of this review; Lyddie Anne, the widow of Washington Dye; Nancy Ellen, deceased; Eliza, the wife of George Bailey, of Rock Island, Illinois; Josiah, of Ainsworth; F. W., a retired farmer living in Oregon township; John B., of Kansas; and one who died in infancy.

Thomas Harding acquired a common-school education and remained at home until twenty-two years of age, when he began farming in Ohio. In 1858 he became a resident of Rock Island county, Illinois, where he lived for three years and then came to Washington county, Iowa, locating where he now resides. He has witnessed the development of the county, noting with interest its growth as the wild land was reclaimed for the purposes of civilization, as churches and schools were built, manufactories and industries established. He lived in the county for five years before a school was organized in this neighborhood, after which a third of the township was struck off and a school established with fifteen pupils. Mr. Harding has always given his attention to general agricultural pursuits and now owns one hundred and twenty acres of land which is well improved. He does not personally carry on the farm, however, but rents his land and from it derives a substantial income.

In 1850 Thomas Harding was married to Miss Alvira J. Sears, a resident of Morgan county, Ohio, and they had seven children: Browning H., a telegraph operator of What Cheer, Iowa; Mary J., the deceased wife of T. J. Glaze, of Houston, Texas; Minnie T., the wife of F. B. Jackson, a farmer of Oregon township; Charles O., who died in infancy; Ella, the wife of Andrew Hofer, of Solon, Iowa; Lewis, who is engaged in the general practice of medicine at Solon; Margaret E., the wife of Dr. J. T. Hay, a general practitioner at Lincoln, Nebraska, and superintendent of the insane asylum.

Thomas Harding votes with the republican party, to which he has given his support since its organization, while previously he voted with the whig party. He has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church all his life and his family are connected with the same organization. He is now well advanced in years and receives the respect and veneration which is usually accorded to a ripe old age.

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#### ALVIN C. HASTY.

Prominent among the substantial farmers and extensive landowners of Washington county is Alvin C. Hasty, who is, moreover, well known as a raiser and breeder of fine stock. He was born in English River township on the 1st of July, 1859, on the farm which he now owns and operates. He is a son of C. C. and Sarah P. (Arnold) Hasty, who came to this county in 1841, where the father entered the farm upon which his son now resides.

They make their home in Kalona, Iowa, and are the parents of two children, one of whom has passed away.

Alvin C. Hasty was reared upon his father's farm and acquired his early education in the country schools of that vicinity. He later supplemented this training by a course of study in the high school, from which he was graduated in due time, thus being well equipped for the practical and responsible duties of life. He remained at home assisting his father until he had attained his majority, when he took active charge of his father's farm, continuing to operate the same to the present time. In the meantime he has extended his possessions until his holdings now include five hundred and thirty-nine acres of fine farm land, all situated in English River township, making him one of the extensive landowners in this locality. The place has been improved with all the necessary equipments of a model farm and Mr. Hasty has erected upon it one of the finest residences to be found in the township. In addition to engaging in general agricultural pursuits, he also makes a specialty of raising and breeding Duroc Jersey hogs and owns many fine specimens of that animal, having exhibited at all of the county and state fairs.

In 1884 Mr. Hasty was united in marriage to Miss Sophia M. Smith, a native of this township, who is a daughter of Frederick E. and Barbara M. (Kessler) Smith, natives of Germany. They came to America in 1851. The father passed away January 9, 1909, while the mother, still surviving at the very venerable age of ninety years, makes her home in Johnson county, this state. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Hasty has been blessed with ten children, namely: Charles F., residing in Nebraska; Henry E., deceased; Carl E., also of Nebraska; Edna L., a school teacher; R. W.; Irvin; Eda M.; Celestia A.; Earl A.; and Glenn S.

Mrs. Hasty is a member of the Lutheran church, while Mr. Hasty holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. He votes with the republican party and is a stalwart supporter of its principles, but has no desire for public office as a reward for party fealty. His entire life has been passed in Washington county and through the years he has steadily advanced in harmony with the spirit of modern business methods and ideas, and that he has been enabled to pass others on the highway of life is due to his close application, his watchfulness of all the details of his business, his keen discernment and his untiring industry—which, after all, constitutes the real basis of prosperity.

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### J. G. MAXWELL.

An excellent farm of two hundred and fifty acres in Crawford township pays tribute to the care and labor of J. G. Maxwell, who also has other holdings in the county including a tract of land of two hundred and forty acres in Dutch Creek township. While he is now classed with the representative and successful agriculturists of the community, his life has not always

been devoted to farming, but has brought into it varied experiences that have broadened his views and given further understanding of life, its purposes and its possibilities.

Mr. Maxwell is one of the native sons of Washington county, his birth having occurred in Crawford township on the 21st of January, 1861. His parents were John W. and Martha (George) Maxwell. The father was a native of Ohio and his parents came to Iowa in 1850, the family home being established in Crawford township, this county, where John Cannon now resides. John W. Maxwell has since lived in this county and now resides in the city of Washington. He was for many years closely associated with agricultural interests but is now living retired, his activity in former years bringing to him the success which enables him to rest without further recourse to labor. His wife was born in Ohio but they were married in Hardin county, Iowa, where her death occurred. In their family were eight children: Robert, deceased; J. G., of this review; Ina, who is the wife of George Jacobs of Seattle, Washington; Howard, deceased; Etta, the wife of Albert G. Douthitt, also of Seattle, Washington; Clyde, who occupies the old homestead farm west of Crawfordsville; Carl, deceased; Ollie, the wife of John Springer, an attorney at law of Zamboanga, Phillipine Islands.

The public schools afforded J. G. Maxwell his educational privileges until he had mastered the branches of learning therein taught, subsequent to which time he spent two years in the Washington Academy. He then remained at home until twenty years of age, after which he attended the Burlington Business College and was thus qualified for the practical duties of a commercial career. He first sought employment in the Gilbert & Hedges lumberyard and remained in that service and in other business concerns for three years. He next went to Council Bluffs, where he was employed in the freight office of the Wabash Railroad Company for eighteen months. Following his return home he operated the farm for his father for six years and then purchased his present farm, now comprising two hundred and fifty acres of land in Crawford township. This is well improved land, the work of the farm being conducted along the most modern and progressive lines. The rotation of crops is practiced, a study is made of the condition of the soil and those things which are needed for its fertilization and that the methods adopted are practical is indicated in the excellent success which attends the efforts of Mr. Maxwell. He has erected all of the buildings upon the place except the residence, and in addition to his home farm he owns two hundred and forty acres of well improved land in Dutch Creek township, so that his holdings now comprise four hundred and ninety acres. In addition to raising the cereals best adapted to the soil and climate he also does an extensive business in feeding cattle.

In 1884 Mr. Maxwell was united in marriage to Miss Emma Anderson, a sister of Dr. Anderson, and they have one child, Lena Martha, who is a graduate of the high school of Washington. The parents are members of the United Presbyterian church in which Mr. Maxwell is serving as trus-

tee. His political allegiance is given to the republican party which finds in him a stalwart champion, although not an aspirant for office. He prefers to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs and that he has met with signal success is indicated in his extensive holdings and the finely improved appearance of his place.

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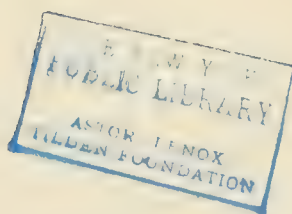
#### R. H. AND A. H. YOUNG.

R. H. and A. H. Young, who are well known in Washington county as the Young Brothers, were long associated with the farming interests of Cedar township but are now living retired, although they still own valuable farming property from which they derive a substantial annual income. The former was born June 24, 1831, and the latter on the 13th of August, 1834. Their parents were Alexander and Mary (Davis) Young, both of whom were natives of Fleming county, Kentucky. The father was born April 20, 1792, while the mother's birth occurred March 1, 1793, and in the year 1829 they removed to Indiana, settling in Rush county. That was still a frontier district in which comparatively few homes had been established and Alexander Young there entered land from the government and with characteristic energy began its development, continuing its cultivation for ten years. In 1839, however, he left the Hoosier state and established his home in Washington county, Iowa. Here he entered a claim on what is now section 34, Cedar township, and built a log house which is still standing on the farm. They occupied that pioneer dwelling until 1876, when a more commodious and comfortable residence was erected. Year by year the father tilled the soil until he brought his fields under a high state of cultivation, gathering therefrom good crops which enabled him to supply his family with the comforts of life. His death occurred June 18, 1869, while his wife, surviving him for several years, passed away on the 18th of October, 1877. In their family were eight children but the only ones now living are the brothers whose names introduce this review. The other members of the family were Nancy S.; Jane C.; Martha A.; John D.; and James; while Mary M. was the youngest member of the household.

R. H. and A. H. Young, born in Indiana, accompanied their parents on their removal to Iowa in 1839 and have since resided in Washington county. The first school in this locality was held in a log house that is still standing on the farm where they now reside. They acquired a common school education and were closely associated with other features of pioneer life in this district. The journey westward was made with three yoke of oxen and one horse team, driving through from Rush county, Indiana. They got stuck in the Wabash and with some difficulty extricated themselves.

On the 15th of August, 1862, A. H. Young responded to the country's call for aid, joining Company C of the Nineteenth Iowa Infantry, with which he served until the close of hostilities. He participated in a number of hard fought battles, loyally defending the Union cause until the war was over.



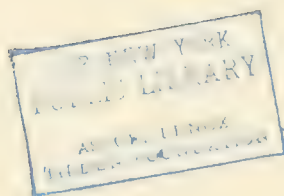




R. H. YOUNG



A. H. YOUNG





R. H. Young was also a soldier, joining the boys in blue in February, 1864, and he too served until the close of the war, both being honorably discharged at New Orleans. Although facing the enemies' bullets in the thickest of the fight they were never wounded and after the war returned to Washington county, where they gave their attention to general agricultural pursuits. As the years passed they made a specialty of raising and feeding stock, handling shorthorn cattle, and in all of their business affairs they met with success, brooking no obstacles that could be overcome by persistent and earnest effort. They are now the owners of two hundred and eighty acres of rich and valuable land on sections 34 and 35, Cedar township, but leave the active work of the farm to others while they are living retired in the enjoyment of well earned rest. Their fields are now tilled by their nephew, W. P. Ross, who is managing the farm and caring for their interests. His wife was the daughter of the youngest sister of the two gentlemen whose names introduce this review.

R. H. Young cast his first presidential ballot for General Scott and both have always voted the republican ticket, having firm faith in the principles of the party. A. H. Young served at one time as township clerk and was also school director. He is a member of Grand Army Post, No. 108. The brothers have long been well known in the county and their success in business has resulted from their close application and capable management of their affairs.

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### HARRY O. ENGLAND.

Harry O. England, who devotes his time and energies to general agricultural and stock-raising pursuits, makes his home in Lime Creek township, Washington county, on a farm of three hundred and twenty acres situated on sections 29 and 32. A native of Illinois, he was born in Putnam county, September 17, 1875, a son of Joel and Catherine (Meyers) England, who were both born in Washington county, Pennsylvania. Upon arriving in the middle west they took up their abode in Putnam county, Illinois, where they remained until 1879, when they removed to Washington county, Iowa. Here our subject's grandfather, Samuel England, had purchased a section of land, which he divided between his sons, Joel and George W. On coming to this county the former located on his three hundred and twenty acre tract on sections 29 and 32, Lime Creek township, where he engaged in farming for a number of years. He resided in this county until his demise, which occurred January 23, 1908. The mother, who still survives, makes her home in Wellman, this state.

Harry O. England was reared to manhood on the homestead farm and pursued a common-school education. In his youth he assisted his father and aided, as his age and strength permitted, in the care and development of the fields. After he had attained his majority he rented the old homestead and has since continued to make it his place of residence. He has

brought the fields under a high state of cultivation, has placed many improvements upon the place which, owing to his systematic labors and progressive methods, has become a valuable property. Aside from tilling the soil he makes a specialty of raising and breeding shorthorn cattle, and in this branch of his business is meeting with substantial success.

On December 12, 1905, Mr. England was united in marriage to Miss Mary B. Coffman, who was born in Woodford county, Illinois, June 26, 1884. She was one of a family of four children born to James W. and Margaret A. (Bear) Coffman, natives of West Virginia and Washington county, Iowa, respectively. The former came to Washington county in 1854 and engaged in preaching until his demise, which occurred March 10, 1909. He is still survived by his wife, who makes her home in Keota, Iowa. Unto Mr. and Mrs. England were born two children: Margaret L., born December 10, 1906; and Joel O., born May 28, 1908. Mrs. England is a member of the Baptist church, and her many sterling traits of character have made her prominent in a wide circle of friends.

In politics Mr. England gives stalwart support to the principles of the republican party, while he served as township trustee for three years. He is not, however, a politician in the sense of office seeking, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his private business affairs, which are capably and carefully managed. He is a well known figure in fraternal circles, being a member of Dayton Lodge, No. 149, A. F. & A. M.; of Cyrus Chapter, No. 13, R. A. M., of Washington; and of Bethlehem Commandery, No. 45, K. T., of Washington; while he and his wife are both members of Eastern Star Lodge, No. 211, at Wellman. They are greatly esteemed in the community where they make their home, and although never demanding public attention, their own genuine worth has gained for them the favorable regard of those with whom they have come in contact and made them representative citizens of the county.

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#### HUGH E. DAVIES.

The work of farming, to which Hugh E. Davies has always bent his energies, has brought him success, which is evidenced in his well improved farm of one hundred and sixty acres, located in Crawford township, and which is the old Davies homestead. Mr. Davies is a native of Wales, born March 20, 1868, a son of Abednego and Ann (Thomas) Davies. The father, also a native of Wales, emigrated with his family to the United States in 1870, first establishing his home within three miles of Racine, Wisconsin, where he lived six years. He then, in 1876, took up his abode in Crawford township, Washington county, Iowa, purchasing the farm upon which our subject now makes his home. Here he carried on farming but he was not long permitted to enjoy his new home, for his death occurred about three years later, in March, 1879, his remains being interred in the Welsh cemetery in Louisa county. The mother survived for many years,

passing away in Louisa county in 1903. Their children, five in number, are as follows: David, a policeman of San Pedro, California; Mary, the wife of Harry E. Davis, a resident farmer of Louisa county, Iowa; Isaac, who follows carpentering in Los Angeles, California; Martha J., who died in 1876; and Hugh E., of this review.

Hugh E. Davies, the youngest member of the father's family, was but two years of age at the time the family emigrated from Wales to this country, and he was a little lad of eight years when a permanent home was established in Washington county, so that he has practically been reared here. His education was acquired in the district schools of Crawford township and therein he mastered the branches of learning that equipped him to meet the responsibilities of life. He was but eleven years of age at the time of the father's death, yet he aided his brothers in carrying on the work of the home farm and through the experience he gained at that time he has met success in later life. He eventually purchased the interest of the other heirs in the home farm and today owns the property, consisting of one hundred and sixty acres in Crawford township, and many of the improvements which are here seen have been made by Mr. Davies, the present owner. In addition to carrying on general farming he also feeds stock.

The lady whom Mr. Davies chose to preside over his home bore the maiden name of Miss Maggie E. Davis, the wedding being celebrated in 1896. Mrs. Davies is of Welsh extraction and at the time of her marriage resided in Louisa county, Iowa. They have become the parents of one daughter, Anna Marie.

Politically Mr. Davies is a republican, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Calvinistic Methodist church. He belongs to the Modern Woodman camp at Crawfordsville. Alert and enterprising, Mr. Davies has made wise use of his opportunities and today is numbered among the substantial, highly respected and prosperous farmers of this section of Washington county.

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### THEODORE RATH.

A well improved and valuable farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Iowa township pays tribute to the care and skill of Theodore Rath who, moreover, devotes a portion of his time to the raising of good stock. One of Iowa's native sons, he was born in Davenport, this state, on the 21st of January, 1877, a son of John and Lena (Clint) Rath. The father, who was born in Germany in 1848, came to America when seventeen years of age, locating in Davenport, Iowa, where he acquainted himself with the butchering business. Later he went to Denver, Colorado, and was there engaged at that trade for a short time. Returning to Davenport, he was again identified with the butchering business, following that pursuit until 1885, when he purchased five hundred acres of land in Iowa township and removed to his farm, where he passed away April 14 1893. He had been most suc-

cessful in his farming enterprise and at the time of his death he was the owner of five hundred and ninety-six acres of valuable land. He was a stalwart democrat but never an office seeker, preferring to devote his energies to the cultivation of his fields. He had married Lena Clint who was born in Davenport, Iowa, of German lineage, her parents being Ernest and Margaret (Kremback) Clint.

Passing the days of his boyhood and youth upon his father's farm, Theodore Rath attended the country schools in the acquirement of his education, while the time not spent upon his text-books was devoted to the work of the fields. He remained at home, assisting his father in the cultivation of the farm, until 1902, when he began working on his own account, being employed as a farm hand for two years. He then was married, on the 21st of January, 1904, to Miss Anna Devork, of Louisa county, Iowa, after which he removed to his present farm in Iowa township, which he had purchased a year prior to his marriage. This farm is a finely improved and valuable tract of land, and in return for the care and attention bestowed upon it by its owner is annually yielding rich harvests. Mr. Rath is a progressive farmer, up-to-date and modern in his methods and manifests an excellent managing ability and keen business sagacity that are rapidly advancing him to a high rank among the substantial and prosperous agriculturists of Washington county. Aside from general farming pursuits he devotes considerable time to the raising of stock, making a specialty of high bred cattle and Poland China hogs, and this branch of his business interests is proving an additional source of financial profit to him.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Rath has been blessed with two children, Omer and Pearl, who are still at home with their parents. Mr. Rath gives his political support to the democracy but neither desires nor seeks public office as a reward for party fealty, his entire time and attention being occupied with the management of his personal affairs. He has become well known in this section of the county since taking up his abode here, and his salient characteristics are such as command the respect and esteem of all with whom he comes in contact.

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### I. N. ARNOLD.

I. N. Arnold is widely known as an agriculturist and apiarist in Washington county. His business interests have been capably conducted and his able management and enterprise are the source of substantial and gratifying success. He was born in English River township, January 29, 1857, and is a son of William and Rebecca Arnold, who came to Iowa in the fall of 1849 and were married in this county. The father was born in 1830, while the mother's birth occurred in 1835, and they are now residents of Richmond, Iowa. In his political views Mr. Arnold is a republican and has always taken an active interest in politics, believing firmly in the princi-



ples of the party and doing all in his power to promote its success. Their family numbered eleven children, of whom nine are yet living.

I. N. Arnold, spending his boyhood days under the parental roof, pursued his early education in the public schools and afterward attended the academy at Washington, for two years. Subsequently he learned telegraphy, at which he worked for two years, but because of his health was forced to abandon that pursuit. Believing that outdoor life and exercise would prove beneficial, he then rented his father-in-law's farm and began its cultivation, in connection with which work he also gave his time and attention to the bee industry, having at one time one hundred and thirty stands. For the past thirty years he has been well known as an apiarist and his business in the production of honey has been an important and successful one. He has made a close study of the habits of the bee, knows the best producers and, as the result of the care of his colonies, his harvest of honey has been large, the quality excellent and the sale price very satisfactory. Mr. Arnold enjoys much more than a local reputation as a naturalist and has been crop reporter in this county for the government for the past ten years. He has also been a member of the biological survey for the past twenty-five years. In connection with his livestock interests he makes a specialty of breeding and raising Poland China hogs, for which he finds a demand throughout the entire country, his fine stock being sent to all parts of the United States.

On the 26th of November, 1878, Mr. Arnold was married to Miss Margaret Todd, who was born in Washington county, June 24, 1862, and is a daughter of J. O. and Sarah (Bailey) Todd, who were natives of Delaware and Ohio respectively. They came to Iowa in the fall of 1850, locating in Richmond, Washington county, where the father died in 1904, after a residence here of more than half a century. Throughout the entire period he had been active in promoting the material welfare and the best interests of the county and was a man, respected and honored by all who knew him. His widow still survives and is now living with Mr. and Mrs. Arnold, at the age of seventy-five years. Their only child is Mrs. Arnold who by her marriage became the mother of one daughter, Ida, who was born November 13, 1879, and died October 28, 1900, being laid to rest in the Richmond cemetery. Her death is the greatest blow that has ever come to the household and her loss was deeply felt throughout the entire community as well as by her parents.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Arnold are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church and active and earnest church workers, Mr. Arnold serving as steward and trustee and also as superintendent of the Sunday school for several years, in which connection he has done important work in instructing the young concerning the teachings of the gospel and in impressing upon their minds such principles and beliefs as will be potent forces for good in after life. In his political views Mr. Arnold is a stalwart republican and while he does not seek or desire office is always loyal to the party. An exemplary representative of the Masonic fraternity, he belongs to Richmond Lodge, No. 96, A. F. & A. M.; to Washington Chap-

ter, No. 13, R. A. M.; and also to the commandery in Washington. He has filled all of the chairs in the blue lodge. He and his wife are members of the Eastern Star at Kalona and for two terms Mrs. Arnold served as worthy matron. She is also a member and president of the Woman's Relief Corps at Kalona. Their sterling traits of character have won Mr. and Mrs. Arnold many warm friends and they enjoy the highest regard of all who know them because their lives are in consistent harmony with their professions and their deeds accord with all that is expected of the progressive and reliable citizen. Mr. Arnold has carried his researches and investigations far and wide into the realms of natural science and has made his work of practical value, not only to himself but to the entire community, for his opinions have come to be accepted as authority on many subjects relative to the cultivation and improvement of the farm and the conduct of its varied interests. He is the owner of the finest apiary in the county and has so managed his business interests as to win substantial return.

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#### CHARLES BROWN.

Charles Brown is one of the representative citizens of Lime Creek township who is worthy to be classed among the self-made men of the community. Left an orphan at a very tender age, he has, by his indefatigable industry, untiring energy and unfaltering determination, risen from a comparatively humble position to a place of prominence among his fellow citizens. He was born in Hartford county, Connecticut, June 30, 1835, a son of William and Lucy J. (Smith) Brown, natives of the same state, where their entire lives were spent. In their family were four children, of whom Charles, of this review, and Margaret of Connecticut, are the only surviving members.

At the usual age Charles Brown entered the common schools in the acquirement of an education, but when only seven years old he lost both parents and he was then bound out until seventeen years of age. At the expiration of this period he became an apprentice to the clock business, and was thus engaged for six or seven years. In 1860 he went to Chicago, Illinois, where he secured employment in the Illinois Central car shops. Subsequently he was employed by the board of public works to manage the city water works of Chicago, in which capacity he served for fourteen years, and while discharging his duties in this connection he manifested much administrative ability and executive control. In September, 1879, however, he withdrew from this institution and came to Washington county, Iowa, locating on the farm which is now his home, having purchased the property five or six years prior to his arrival in this county. It is an excellent farm of one hundred and four acres situated on section 20, Lime Creek township, and with characteristic energy and perseverance he set about improving and cultivating his fields with the result that today the property is a valuable one, returning to its owner rich annual harvests. He

has devoted considerable attention to the dairy business, keeping Jersey cows for that purpose and for a time shipped his butter direct to Chicago but has not done any shipping for the past five years.

On the 7th of June, 1865, Mr. Brown was married, the lady of his choice being Miss Eunice E. Brown, a daughter of John P. and Annie (Bacon) Brown, natives of England and Connecticut, respectively. This union was blessed with five children, namely: William J., residing in Lime Creek township; Harry, at home; Eunice J., of Chicago; and Emma H. and Charles J., both at home. Mrs. Brown holds membership in the Episcopal church, and takes an active interest in all the phases of the church work.

In politics Mr. Brown is a republican and stands loyally by the principles of that party, while during the Civil war he was a member of the Union League. He has been called to office by his fellow citizens, having served as school director for six years and as supervisor for eight years. With no favoring advantages at the outset of his career, he has, throughout the intervening years, overcome all obstacles and difficulties that lay in his path to progress and he stands today as one of the representative citizens of the community in which he lives, his life having been one of continuous activity in which has been accorded due recognition of labor.

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#### R. M. ASHBY.

R. M. Ashby, living on section 32, Lime Creek township, is one of the enterprising and progressive farmers who gives his time and attention to the cultivation of three hundred and twenty acres of valuable land. He was born in Washington county, this state, May 9, 1869, a son of E. W. H. and Elizabeth A. (Ihrig) Ashby, natives of West Virginia and Wayne county, Ohio, respectively. The father was but four years of age when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Iowa, and was here reared amid wild scenes and the privations and hardships of pioneer life. At the age of sixteen years he began business on his own account, becoming a dealer in stock. He subsequently purchased a tract of land of eighty acres near the city of Washington, but in 1861 he sold that property and invested in the farm upon which he now resides in Lime Creek township. As the years have come and gone he has accumulated much property, so that he now ranks among the extensive landowners of this county. He is now living retired, having reached the seventy-fifth year of his age. Unto him and his wife were born seven children, of whom five still survive: Viola M., the wife of Ezra Gardner, who is mentioned elsewhere in this volume; Jessie J., the wife of Don Brimley, living in Cedar township; Ralph M., of this review; Eleanor and Esther, who are still at home and are operating the home farm of two hundred and seventy acres.

R. M. Ashby was reared to manhood on the home farm and acquired his early education in the common schools of the neighborhood, later supplementing this training by a course of study at Washington Academy.

When not devoting his time to the text-books he assisted his father in the work of the farm and early acquired practical knowledge of the best methods of cultivating the fields. Upon attaining his majority he rented a farm, which he operated for one year. He then became proprietor of the Pilotburg store and was thus connected for two years. Then deciding to make the occupation to which he was reared his life work, he returned to agricultural pursuits, locating upon the farm in Lime Creek township where he now makes his home. He is directing his energies to the cultivation of three hundred and twenty acres of his father's land which, in response to the care and labor expended upon it, is yielding abundant annual harvests. He also makes a specialty of raising and feeding stock and in this branch of his business is meeting with marked and gratifying success.

In 1892 Mr. Ashby laid the foundation for a pleasant home life in his marriage to Miss Lizzie Yeakel, a native of McLean county, Illinois. She is the daughter of James A. and Lethia (Moore) Yeakel, who are yet living and make their home in Fort Scott, Kansas, their family numbering eight children. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Ashby were born the following: Percy E., Lethia E., Charles E., Ralph W., Marion R., James D. and E. W. H.

Mr. Ashby is a member of the Knights of Pythias lodge at Wellman, Iowa, while his wife holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise he has been a stalwart supporter of the republican party, and although he is at all times loyal to its principles and does all in his power to further its influence, he is not a politician in the sense of office-seeking, the only public office which he has filled being that of school director. He is not remiss in the duties of citizenship, however, but takes an interest in all those things which are to the true citizen matters of civic virtue and civic pride, while his many good personal qualities have won for him the regard and good will of his fellowmen.

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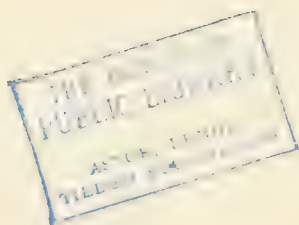
### HORATIO HULL.

For sixty-four years Horatio Hull has made his home in Washington county. This covers the entire period of his life. His birth occurred November 8, 1845, on the farm on which he now resides, although he has not continuously lived on this property to the present time. His holdings today comprise four hundred and seventy acres, making him one of the prosperous farmers of Lime Creek township. His parents were Marcus and Margaret (McDowell) Hull. The father was born in Erie county, Pennsylvania, in 1818, and the mother's birth occurred in Kentucky in 1820. They came to this county when Iowa was still under territorial rule, arriving in 1838. Mr. Hull secured a squatter's claim and when the land came on the market entered it in the usual manner. He built a little log cabin which he covered with a clapboard roof and in it laid a puncheon floor. A mud and stick chimney was built at one end by which the smoke from the fire-place





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made its egress. On the puncheon door was a wooden latch with the proverbial latchstring always hanging out. He later built a frame house, in which he made his home until his death, which occurred June 3, 1857. His widow survived him for about forty years, passing away on the 11th of February, 1897. In their family were eight children: Horatio, of this review; one who died in infancy; A. H., now in Arkansas; C. C., a landowner of Lime Creek township; Laura A., the wife of Frank Gardner, who is now deceased; Lucinda E., who has passed away; and Rachel and Josephine, twins.

In the quiet and uneventful life of the farm Horatio Hull spent his youthful days, pursuing his education in the district schools, while through the periods of vacation he worked in the fields. He remained at home until he attained his majority and then started out in life on his own account by renting a farm which he continued to cultivate for nine years. During that period he carefully saved his earnings until his economy and industry brought him sufficient capital to enable him to purchase land. He then invested in eighty acres of land in Seventy-Six township and took up his abode upon the place, which he made his home for four years. At the end of that time he sold the farm and bought a part of the old homestead where he now lives. It is on section 17, Lime Creek township. He at once began its further development and improvement and as the years have passed he has extended the boundaries of his place as opportunity has offered, until his farm now comprises four hundred and seventy acres, making him one of the extensive landowners of this locality. He has always made a specialty of raising and feeding stock and has sent to the market many a head of fatted cattle, for which he has found a ready sale. In all of his business affairs he displays keen discrimination, seeming to possess almost intuitive understanding of the value and opportunity of every business situation.

Mr. Hull is pleasantly situated in his home life. He was married on the 9th of February, 1867, to Miss Mary M. Squires, who was born in Scioto county, Ohio, November 16, 1846, a daughter of G. B. and Margaret (Nolan) Squires. Her father's birth occurred in 1818 in the state of New York and her mother was a native of West Virginia. Removing westward in 1847 with Iowa as their destination, the mother became ill while en route and her serious condition made it necessary for them to stop at Keokuk. There she passed away and later the father continued with his family to Washington county, settling on a farm in Lime Creek township, where he remained until his death. He had married again, his second union being with Mrs. Lucy Kettle, who was born in the Empire state. There were two children of that union, while Mrs. Hull was her father's only heir by the first marriage. The death of Mr. Squires occurred September 15, 1877, after a residence of about twenty-six years in this county.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hull were born six children: Lucy E., born July 22, 1868, died September 14, 1872; Minnie A., died in infancy; Ralph B., born August 12, 1874, is now residing at Wellman; F. E., born November 10, 1877, is at home; A. W., born February 2, 1879, is also at home; and A. C., born April 29, 1885, is a barber of Wellman.

The parents attend the Baptist church and Mr. Hull belongs to Wellman Lodge, No. 51, K. P., while his political views accord with the principles and platform of the republican party. He has never sought nor desired office for he believes that the interests of his home and business are sufficient to fully occupy his time and hours. He is not remiss in the duties of citizenship, however, but cooperates in many movements for the public good and gives substantial aid whenever it is needed. His influence is always found on the side of justice, truth, right and progress, and he deserves to be classed among the representative and valued men of the county.

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### HARRISON ARNOLD BALL.

Among the men whose intense and well directed activities in former years have brought them to a position of independence now enabling them to live retired, is Harrison Arnold Ball, a most highly respected citizen of Washington. He was born July 28, 1831, about two and a half miles from Richmond, in Jefferson county, Ohio, and was the only child of Joseph and Elizabeth (Arnold) Ball, who were also natives of the Buckeye state. The father long followed farming in Jefferson county, Ohio, where he died. His wife survived him and married again. They were members of the Dunkard, or German Baptist church, and were influential and worthy people of the community in which they lived, Joseph Ball serving for a number of years as justice of the peace, his decisions being at all times strictly fair and impartial.

The ancestry of Harrison A. Ball can be traced back to a remote period. The records state that his paternal grandfather was a native of Virginia and that he and his wife died in Ohio. The maternal grandfather of Mr. Ball was Daniel Arnold, who married a Miss Redd of English parentage. They were early settlers of Jefferson county, Ohio, where Mr. Arnold followed general agricultural pursuits. They died when well advanced in years, having reared a family of five sons and four daughters, namely: Joseph; Daniel; Jacob; Samuel; Solomon; Mrs. Catharine Crawford; Hannah, the wife of Emanuel Rinehart; Elizabeth; and Mary, who became the wife of John Shane. As previously stated, Elizabeth Arnold became the wife of Joseph Ball and following his demise was married again, becoming the wife of James Perrine, living in Wayne county, Ohio, until their removal to Iowa in 1867, where they settled upon a farm in Crawford township, Washington county. Mrs. Perrine died in August, 1868, her husband following her a few years later.

Nine children were born to this union, four sons and five daughters. Elizabeth, who died in early womanhood; Solomon, who died at the age of eleven; Sarah, the wife of Samuel Maloney, of Marion, Iowa; James, of Billings, Montana; a daughter, who died in infancy; Peter, of Los Angeles, California; Samuel, of Phillipsburg, Kansas; Anne, the wife of Sylvester



Cummings, also of Phillipsburg, Kansas; Jane, the wife of James Travis, of Billings, Montana.

Harrison A. Ball was only seven years of age when he left Jefferson county, Ohio, and removed to Wayne county, that state, living in Wayne township about four and a half miles north of Wooster. There he largely acquired his education in one of the old time pioneer log school houses, with its slab seats and other primitive furnishings, including the fireplace, which took up almost one entire end of the room. After putting aside his text-books he learned the trade of a carpenter and joiner, serving a two years' apprenticeship, and to that line of work practically gave his entire attention until 1894. He was married in Ohio and with his wife and two children came to Iowa in 1856, settling in Washington on the plot of ground on South Iowa avenue, where he has since made his home. He has engaged in the construction of hundreds of houses in this city and the surrounding country. For a long period he followed general contracting and the excellence and thoroughness of his workmanship and the promptness with which he executed the contracts entrusted to him secured him a very liberal patronage. Moreover, he has always been regarded as thoroughly reliable in all business transactions and through well directed industry and careful management he has accumulated a handsome competence that now enables him to live retired.

It was on the 17th of March, 1853, that Mr. Ball was married to Miss Mary Ann Ihrig, who was born in Wayne county, Ohio, March 12, 1835, a daughter of Peter and Christina (Billman) Ihrig, who were natives of Washington county, Pennsylvania, but removed to Wayne county, Ohio, where their remaining days were passed. The father engaged in farming until his death, which resulted from an accident when he was forty-five years of age. He was born June 27, 1795, and passed away April 15, 1842. His wife, who was born December 19, 1805, survived him until July 29, 1879, and died at the age of seventy-three years. They were the parents of six children: Susannah, who died in infancy; Mary Ann; David Billman; John Henry; Elizabeth; and Peter Simon. After losing her first husband, Mrs. Ihrig became the wife of Joseph Lauck, who survived her a few years. The Ihrig family was of German lineage, the grandfather of Mrs. Ball, who was also named Peter, having come from Germany when a young man, and settled in Pennsylvania at an early day.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ball were born nine children: Joseph Edgar, the eldest, was born December 21, 1853, and died May 9, 1878. Emma Charity, born December 7, 1855, was married June 1, 1878, to Parker P. Ink, who died October 31, 1892, and on the 29th of May, 1900, she became the wife of Absalom Anderson. Elizabeth Christine is the wife of James H. McLaughlin, of Detroit, Michigan. They are the parents of three children, Walter Ball, Ella May, and Laura. Ida Ihrig is the wife of Robert McCleery, of Cherokee, Iowa, and they have two children, Helen and Ben Harrison. Grace Pamelia is the widow of Lafayette Anderson, of Omaha, Nebraska, and their only child is Alice Iowa. Mary Alice is the wife of Joseph T. Stanhope, of Sioux City, Iowa. Three children were born to them, a daughter passing away in infancy, a son, George Edward, who passed away at the

age of five months, and the remaining daughter, Alice. Gertrude Salome is the wife of W. T. A. White, of Monmouth, Illinois. Their children are Adelaide, Maurice Osborne, and Jesse Arnold. Ethel May is the wife of Walter B. Wilde, of Peoria, Illinois, and their two children living are Margaret and Marian. Two other children were born to them, one son and a daughter, both passing away in infancy. Bertha is the wife of Clyde A. Bailey, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and they are the parents of one child, Charles Harrison.

The mother of this family, Mrs. Mary Ann Ball, died November 21, 1894, in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which she had been a member since early womanhood, leaving the memory of a sainted life. Mr. Ball is also a member of the Methodist church, and his life is in harmony with his profession. His political allegiance has always been given to the republican party since its organization and he has never failed to support its standard bearers. He has led a life of usefulness and activity, displaying the genuine worth of the man who capably performs his daily tasks and meets every duty and obligation devolving upon him. He therefore enjoys in full measure the respect and confidence of all who know him and well deserves mention among the representative citizens of his adopted county.

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### W. S. PHILLIPS.

W. S. Phillips, a retired business man and farmer of Wellman, was born a short distance north of this town in Daytonville, Washington county, in the year 1854. He is the son of George and Susanna (Dean) Phillips, both of whom were natives of Ohio, but came to Washington county in 1853, at a time when life in Iowa meant hard work and privations. The father played his part in the life that all frontiersmen were compelled to share and lived to see the conditions about him much changed, though he was only a little past middle age, fifty-eight years old, when death summoned him in 1873. He had been married three times. Miss Elizabeth Dean was his first wife and bore him ten children. Miss Susanna Dean was his bride when he married the second time and became the mother of two children. Of the third union there was only one child.

W. S. Phillips was nineteen years of age when he assumed the responsibilities of life for himself. He was early identified with mercantile interests and for many years clerked in a general store. Here he laid the foundations for the success he won for himself when he established his own business. His devotion to his employers' interests won him their confidence, and his own industry and thrift enabled him to accumulate the capital which was necessary for his own venture. In 1866 he embarked in the mercantile business and opened a general store, to which he soon drew a large patronage, for he was shrewd in reading the temper of the popular demand and was most assiduous in the satisfaction of his customers' wants and needs. In 1901 he

was content to retire upon the results of his successful business career and has since taken but little part in active affairs.

Mr. Phillips deserves sole credit for the success of his business, which increased beyond his most sanguine expectations. Few of the men who kept the little general stores when Mr. Phillips started in business are left. He belongs to the older generation of merchants, who have seen and kept pace with the great changes which have not only transformed the appearance of the prairies but have also increased and altered the character of the demands made upon him who would satisfy the wants of the little community. In addition to his mercantile cares, Mr. Phillips has been closely identified with the farming interests of this locality and is the owner of a fine farm in this county. For many years he has been a member of Wellman Lodge, No. 149, A. F. & A. M., and of the chapter and commandery at Washington, and is most active in promoting the interests of the society and of his fraternal brothers. When called upon to exercise his franchise, Mr. Phillips casts his vote for the candidate of the republican party, to whose principles he has been unswervingly loyal; and though he has never filled any office within the gift of the people it is because of his own preference in that respect, for did he so choose he would have the unqualified support not only of those allied with him through party affiliation but also of those of the opposing party who as his friends know him to be a man of sterling traits of character.

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### J. H. IHRIG.

J. H. Ihrig, engaged in general farming and stock raising on section 21, Lime Creek township, is the owner and operator of two hundred and fifteen acres of fine land and in his business affairs is meeting with a marked degree of success. A native of Ohio, he was born in Wayne county, November 16 1838, a son of Peter and Christina (Billman) Ihrig. The parents were both born in eastern Pennsylvania, the father's birth occurring in 1795, while the mother's natal year was 1805. They both arrived in Wayne county, Ohio, in 1815, and there their remaining days were spent, the father meeting his death in a runaway accident in 1842, while the mother passed away in 1899. In their family were six children, of whom but three survive, namely; J. H., of this review; Elizabeth, the wife of E. W. H. Ashby, of Lime Creek township; and Peter S., residing in Ohio.

J. H. Ihrig spent the first ten years of his life with his parents and then went to live with his grandfather, with whom he remained until 13 years of age. In the meantime he had attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education and after laying aside his text-books he engaged in teaching school for two terms. The year 1856 witnessed his first arrival in Washington county, Iowa, where he remained for two years, after which he returned to Ohio for a short time. In 1859 he went on a trip to California but six months later again returned to Ohio on account of sickness. This

visit lasted but a little while and he subsequently went to Missouri, where he remained for two and a half years. It was during his sojourn in that state that he made the acquaintance of Miss Parmelia Marquam, a native of Missouri, whose birth occurred in 1842. They were there married in 1862, after which they came to Washington county, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Ihrig began their domestic life upon a farm of two hundred and fifteen acres which Mr. Ihrig purchased on section 21, Lime Creek township, and upon which they continue to reside. He has instituted many improvements upon the place, including modern machinery for facilitating the work of the fields, while the atmosphere of prosperity and neatness surrounding the farm indicates the good management and progressive methods of the owner. Aside from tilling the soil he also makes a specialty of breeding first class stock, the quality of which insures him a ready sale upon the market, while both branches of his business are yielding him a gratifying financial return.

As the years have come and gone seven children have been added to the household of Mr. and Mrs. Ihrig, namely: W. E., operating the home farm; J. M., who was last heard of in Honolulu; C. H., residing in this township; Estella, the wife of E. M. Cole, of Audubon county, Iowa; Ida M., a resident of Oakland, California; W. H., of Washington county, Iowa; and Edith, the wife of J. W. Frame, residing in California. In October, 1908, Mrs. Ihrig was called to her final rest, her remains being interred in the Pilesburg cemetery. Her passing proved a great loss not only to her husband and children, but was also deeply mourned by a large number of warm friends.

In politics Mr. Ihrig is a republican, while for twelve years he served as trustee and has been secretary of the school board for thirty-six years, the subject of education finding in him a stalwart champion. Public-spirited in citizenship, he is helpfully interested in every movement for general progress and improvement, and while his business interests make hard demands upon his time and energies, he yet finds opportunity to further the public welfare by his cooperation in many movements for the general good.

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#### CHARLES WALTON.

Charles Walton was born on the farm in Clay township which is still his home, his natal day being August 30, 1850. He represents one of the oldest families of the county, being a son of Ellis and Elizabeth Jane (Edwards) Walton, of whom mention is made on another page of this work in connection with the sketch of his brother Ellis Walton. The period of his youth was passed in a manner like that of most farm boys. The public schools afforded him his educational privileges and he assisted his father more and more largely in the work of the fields and in stock raising as his years and strength permitted. Following his father's death he and his brother became associated in partnership for the conduct of the farm, the relation being



maintained until about four years ago when they severed their business interests. Charles Walton has since resided on the old homestead where he now owns two hundred acres of land. His fields are well tilled and bring forth good harvests. Stock raising has been one of the most important features of his business as for a long period he has been engaged in the breeding and raising of Norman horses and shorthorn cattle. He has handled some of the finest stock in the county and enjoys a wide reputation in this line. His sales have brought him substantial annual returns for his stock has always commanded high prices.

In 1880 occurred the marriage of Charles Walton and Miss Letitia Torrey, then a resident of Washington county but a native of Marshall county, Illinois. Their marriage was blessed with seven children: Clara R., the wife of Samuel Griffith, a farmer residing in Fairfield, Iowa; Roberta, at home; Goldie, who is engaged in teaching school; Zella Mabel, the wife of Clarence Shy, proprietor of the feed store in Fairfield, Iowa; Otto, Elsie and Cora, all at home. The family are well known in Clay township and their part of the county where they have an extensive circle of warm friends. Mr. Walton is a reliable business man who seeks out the best opportunities for attaining success and his well directed labor meets with prosperity in the business which claims his attention year by year. He has always resided in this county and its history through more than a half century is familiar to him. He is ever interested in the work of general improvement and has cooperated in various measures for the public good.

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### WILLIAM PERRY STEPHENS.

William Perry Stephens, who during his life was one of the most prosperous farmers of Washington county, was born in Champaign county, Ohio, in 1835, the son of James and Rebecca (Orgas) Stephens. In 1853 the family came to Washington county, Iowa, and settled on a farm northwest of the town of Washington. They were among the early pioneers of the county and had to undergo the privations and hardships, experience the uncertainty and loneliness that are inevitable in a new country, when old friends are distant and even neighbors are not within sight. The parents lived to see these conditions changed greatly, to see a vigorous little town spring into being and the vast prairies dotted with many farms, for James Stephens lived until 1866, his sixtieth year, and his wife, who survived him fourteen years, died in her seventieth year. Their lives touched that quarter of a century which of all in American history was most rich in improving the conditions of life, especially in relieving the drudgery of the farm.

William Perry Stephens brought from the soil of Washington county unusually rich returns. His fields were always among the first to be plowed, and his harvests bespoke his energy and knowing eye, which was ever watchful for the right moment to gather the compensation of his season's toil. Three score and twelve years he had told off when death summoned him in

May, 1907, a man well known in the county and in the town of Wellman, where he passed the last few years of his life in comparative rest after his arduous labors.

In 1863 Mr. Stephens married Miss Elizabeth Sigler, daughter of John and Eliza (Potter) Sigler, who were natives of Maryland. Mrs. Sigler died in 1845 at the early age of twenty-six, when Mrs. Stephens was but five years old, and left five children, Nancy C., Mary M., Elizabeth E., Louis F., and Martha A., to want a mother's care. A year after his wife's death Mr. Sigler married Miss Gulda Fazenbaker, who bore him nine children: George G., William W., Henry M., Godfrey F., Anna L., Liza F., Francis V., Effie A. and Sarah L.

Mr. Stephens was a man highly esteemed among those who knew him. His industry, shrewdness and thrift enabled him to draw from the soil a generous return in abundant harvests. The engaging qualities of his personality, exercised through the many years of his life, attracted to him many staunch friends. To these his loyalty was unswerving, and he was ever ready to lend a helping hand, either in the smaller concerns of a farmer's life, when it was merely a question of assisting in the plowing or harvest, or in the deeper relationships when a friend's counsel and sympathy are the most precious things of a man's life. His fraternal brothers of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows knew him to be one of their most diligent members in the interest of the society or those who belonged to it. At elections he cast his vote invariably for the democratic candidate as the choice of the party to which he gave his support.

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#### LEWIS B. LUITHLY.

Lewis B. Luithly is cashier of the Rubio Savings Bank of Rubio, Iowa, and is displaying a most enterprising spirit in conducting the affairs of the institution. While yet a young man, his ability has won him recognition as a citizen of worth in his part of the country. His birth occurred in Dutch Creek township, Washington county, December 28, 1884, and he is a son of J. A. and Anna M. (Varain) Luithly. He represents one of the old pioneer families of the county. His father was also a native of Dutch Creek township and was there reared. He took up the occupation of farming as a life work and followed that pursuit until 1905, when he removed to Ames, where he is now living retired in the enjoyment of a well earned rest to which his years of active labor justly entitle him. His wife was presumably a native of Burlington, Iowa, and they were married in this county. Unto them have been born four sons: Lewis B.; William, who is studying veterinary surgery at the Iowa State College at Ames; Arthur, at home; and John, who is still at home but expects to enter upon the study of law in the Michigan State University at Ann Arbor.

Lewis B. Luithly began his education in the common schools near the old home farm and continued his studies in Pleasant Plain Academy, from which



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he was graduated with the class of 1902. He then took up the profession of teaching, which he followed for three years in Dutch Creek township. He also spent a year and a half at the Iowa State College at Ames, and returning home he took up the banking business on the organization of the Rubio Savings Bank, in which he is a stockholder. He now gives his time and energies to financial interests and is capably controlling the business of this enterprising little moneyed institution. The bank belongs to group No. 11 of the Bankers' Association, and its officers are: Frank R. Feltz, president; Henry A. Luithly, vice president; Lewis B. Luithly, cashier; together with Charles Augustine, Charles B. Morgan, John F. Stein, Marsh W. Bailey and Jacob H. Ramge as members of the board of directors. The bank was organized June 30, 1906, when the stockholders met at Rubio, adopted articles of incorporation and elected the organizing board of directors. Two full-sized town lots on Main street were purchased and a cement block bank building was erected. A brick veneer wall was placed inside the outer cement block wall to insure a perfectly dry interior. The vault is one of the largest in the county and furnishes ample store room for valuable books and papers. In addition to his banking interests Mr. Luithly is the owner of real estate in Rubio and is a young man of business discernment and unfaltering energy.

In his political views Mr. Luithly is a stalwart republican, interested in the growth and success of his party, and for one term served as township clerk. In his fraternal relations he is connected with Richland Lodge, No. 38, A. F. & A. M. He is also active in local affairs and assisted in organizing a band of seventeen pieces in which he plays E flat Alto. He is a popular young man with a large circle of friends in this locality.

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#### R. A. STUART.

There is something suggestive of genuine friendliness in a nickname and that the subject of this review is widely known as "Todd" Stuart is a fact which speaks in unmistakable terms of some of his characteristics. It indicates that he is not reserved but on the contrary approachable and that his salient qualities are such as win ready and warm regard. He was born in Washington, Iowa, February 10, 1869, and is a son of Robert and Josephine (Neymaster) Stuart. In the paternal line he comes of Scotch ancestry, his great-grandfather, Joseph Stuart, having been a native of the land of hills and heather, whence he crossed the briny deep to the new world, settling at Fincastle, Virginia. In Scotland he engaged in the manufacture of dental tools and in this country practiced dentistry. He married Adaline Blucher and among their children was David L. Stuart, who was born in Virginia and in early manhood studied dentistry which he followed as a life work. At the time of the Civil war he served as a deputy provost marshal. He became one of the early residents of Rush county, Indiana, and there died at the age of sixty-eight years. His wife bore the maiden name of Elizabeth

Pullen and they became parents of twelve children, eight sons and four daughters.

Of this family Robert Stuart was born in Indiana and was there reared. Having arrived at years of maturity he wedded Josephine Neymaster, a native of Iowa and a daughter of William and Rachel Neymaster. Her father was a native of Germany and on coming to America settled in Wapello, Iowa. His attention was given to general agricultural pursuits and in following that occupation he made provision for the needs of his family which numbered three sons and three daughters. In early life Robert Stuart, father of R. A. Stuart, learned the brick-mason's trade and eventually became a contractor, continuing the business for many years. At the time of the Civil war, however, he put aside all business and personal considerations in order to espouse the Union cause, enlisting in 1862 as a member of Company H, Sixteenth Indiana Mounted Infantry, with which he served for three years. He entered the army as a private and when discharged was orderly sergeant. He participated in the siege of Vicksburg, the battle of Arkansas Post, the Red River expedition under General Banks and the battle of Richmond, Kentucky, where he was wounded. He made permanent location in Iowa in 1865, at which time he established his home in Washington where he followed contracting and building for several years. He afterward lived for thirteen years in Sigourney and then returned to Washington where he conducted a meat market for several years but is now living retired in the enjoyment of well earned rest. Unto him and his wife have been born ten children, four sons and six daughters, of whom seven are now living: David L., a resident of Washington; Clara, the wife of Martin S. Neff, of Ottumwa, Iowa; Robert A., of this review; Arizona, the deceased wife of M. L. Gounder; Venisha, the wife of Z. G. Halferty, of Ollie, Iowa; Colonel W., deceased; Josephine, the wife of Joseph Shehan, of Butte, Montana; Nellie, who died at the age of seven years; Charles O.; and Alice, the wife of Fred Wilson, of Washington.

Mr. Stuart of this review acquired his education in Sigourney, Iowa, where he lived to the age of fifteen years. He then went to California and to Old Mexico, working on a ranch in both districts but in 1888 returned to Iowa and engaged in the conduct of a meat market at Richland in connection with his father. In 1892 he came to Washington and became his father's successor as proprietor of the meat market at this place in 1902. He now conducts a large and profitable business, having an extensive shop which is well equipped with a refrigerator and all of the accessories of the modern market. His trade is continually growing for he puts forth earnest effort to please his patrons and is thoroughly reliable in all of his dealings.

On the 30th of May, 1892, Mr. Stuart was united in marriage to Miss Florence D. Ryan, who was born in Lucas county, Iowa. They are now the parents of three sons: Robert Rollin, Harry Harold and David Wallace. Mr. Stuart belongs to the Odd Fellows Lodge in Richland, Iowa, and became a member of the encampment in California. He also belongs to the Methodist church and gives his political allegiance to the republican party which finds in him a stalwart champion, interested in its success but not desirous

for office as a reward for party fealty. He is regarded as one of the wide-awake, enterprising business men of his native city and his capable management, close application and unfaltering industry well entitle him to the success which he now enjoys.

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### CLARENCE STANLEY COE.

Clarence Stanley Coe, civil and constructing engineer of the Florida East Coast Railroad, makes his home in Washington county, Iowa, although the duties of his profession render it imperative that he spend much of his time elsewhere. He is now on active duty in charge of all bridge and trestle building from Key West to Havana. He was born December 24, 1865, in Iowa township, Washington county, in the house built by his father in 1842. His grandfather, Joseph Coe, was one of the earliest settlers of the county, arriving in 1839 when Iowa was still under territorial rule. He acquired extensive tracts of land from the government and was closely associated with the early development of the state. He had removed from Ohio to Indiana in 1821 and was thus a factor in extending the frontier of that state, while in 1839 he took up his abode at Iowa City, becoming the proprietor of the first hotel in that place.

Sylvester Coe, the father of our subject, was born in Ohio or Indiana and accompanied his parents on their removal to Iowa. He wedded Ann Rowland, who was a native of Wales and when eighteen years of age came to America and located in this state. Here the parents of our subject were married and in 1842 Sylvester Coe took up the present home farm from the government and in the same year built thereon the brick residence which is still standing on the place. His two brothers, Benjamin and Lee, also entered land, the three acquiring about one thousand acres. Joseph Coe, another brother, also settled here.

Clarence S. Coe was reared on the old homestead farm and supplemented his early education by a high-school course in Iowa City, after which he entered the University of Minnesota, at Minneapolis, and in due time was graduated on the completion of a course in civil engineering with the class of 1889. For sometime thereafter he was associated with the civil engineering department of the Illinois Central Railroad and later with the Great Northern Railroad, during which time he was connected with Stevens, of Panama fame, and other noted engineers. Afterward he became maintenance of way man for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad and, on the beginning of the construction of the Florida East Coast Railroad, Mr. Coe was engaged as one of the first engineers on the work. He has twice been promoted until today he has charge of all bridge and trestle building, a most important and responsible position in that district of low, sea-swept land, where much of the road has to be built on trestle work.

On the 11th of March, 1891, Mr. Coe was married to Miss Lulu Joy, of Minneapolis, Minnesota. Her father was Samuel Joy, a prominent lumber-

man and one of the early settlers of Minnesota. He conducted the North Star planing mills for years but is now deceased. Both he and his wife were of New England birth, removing westward from the vicinity of Portland, Maine. Mrs. Joy bore the maiden name of Clara A. Brown and was a graduate of Kentsel College of Lewiston, Maine. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Coe have been born four children: Miriam Wenatchee, now a junior in the Iowa City high school; Priscilla Elizabeth; Sylvester Joy; Catherine, who died and was buried in Minneapolis. Mrs. Coe, with her children, has spent the past three winters in the south with her husband, while the summer months have been spent on the farm which she manages. The place is comprised of more than three hundred acres of rich and valuable land in Iowa township and has never passed out of possession of the Coe family since it was entered from the government. The sojourns in other districts give to the children broad and practical knowledge of the country and conditions existing elsewhere, so that they realize, as few children do, that the world's horizon is not bounded by the limits of the community in which they chance to live. Mr. Coe has made for himself a prominent and honored name in professional circles and his business interests are now of a most important character. Time has proven the worth of his efforts, the breadth of his insight and discernment and the substantial character of his labors.

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### J. H. HUSTON.

J. H. Huston is a retired farmer living in Crawfordsville. For many years he was closely associated with agricultural interests and the activity and careful management which he displayed brought to him a substantial competence. He was born in Crawford township, Washington county, Iowa, November 5, 1841, and is of Scotch lineage although the family was founded in America at an early day.

His father, William Huston, was a native of Kentucky and when a small boy removed to Ohio, locating in Clark county. Later he became a resident of Attica, Indiana, there living at a time when there were no railroad facilities and when teaming was done from that point to Chicago. Mr. Huston hauled produce there when Chicago contained but one brick house. On the return trip he would take with him a load of merchandise. He was not only identified with the pioneer life of Indiana but also settled on the frontier of Iowa, journeying to this state by ox team and wagon in September, 1839, when it was still under territorial rule. He first made his way to Henry county, Iowa, to visit a cousin and while there was interviewed by parties who wished to see whether he had a scoop bed or a straight bed in his wagon, as a straight bed was wanted for a coffin—there being no available lumber from which to manufacture one on short notice. After a short visit in Henry county Mr. Huston and his family drove to Washington county, making the journey with an ox team. On reaching his destination he built a cabin in the timber, going on the theory that people could not



live on the prairie in the winter. After but a year spent there, however, he removed to the rich farm lands of the broad prairie, taking up his abode thereon in 1841. Year after year he continued to work on the farm and brought his fields under a high state of cultivation, for the rich soil responded with large crops. His place was on section 25, Crawford township, and he continuously and successfully cultivated it until his life's labors were ended in death in 1874, at which time his remains were interred in the Beachman cemetery in Crawford township. He had been a supporter of the abolition movement prior to the Civil war and when the republican party was formed to prevent the further extension of slavery he joined its ranks and remained one of its stalwart adherents until his demise. He had served as a teamster in the war of 1812. His wife was born in Ohio and they were married in that state, September 6, 1825. She survived her husband for about seven years and passed away in Washington county in 1881, her grave being then made by the side of her husband. In their family were eight children: Margery, who died in infancy; Mary, who is the widow of William Reed and lives in Winfield, Iowa; John M., a retired lumberman living in Vancouver; William and Daniel F., both deceased; J. H., of this review; and Elza and James who have also passed away. The son, Daniel F. Huston, drove an ox team to the Pacific coast in 1852, remaining there for ten years, during which time he was engaged in mining and teaming.

J. H. Huston was reared upon the frontier and pursued his education in one of the old time log schoolhouses common in pioneer districts. His training at farm labor was not meagre for with the spring thaws he took his place in the fields, following the plow and the harrow, sowing the seed and aiding in the cultivation of the crops until the annual harvests were gathered and stored in barns and sheds. He continued on the old home place with his parents until thirty-two years of age with the exception of three years, which he spent in the army, enlisting in 1862 in response to the president's call for three hundred thousand men. He joined Company I of the Twenty-fifth Iowa Volunteer Infantry and was discharged on the expiration of his term of service in 1865. He had participated in the siege of Vicksburg, in the Atlanta campaign, the march to the sea, and many important battles which contributed to the success which eventually crowned the Union arms. At the close of the war he was with the troops that marched all the way from North Carolina to Washington city and there participated in the Grand Review, the most celebrated military parade ever seen in this country. Following this ceremony Mr. Huston returned to Davenport, Iowa, with his regiment and was there honorably discharged. He had been a brave and loyal soldier, never faltering in the performance of any duty, his record at all times being most creditable.

He remained upon the home farm assisting in its cultivation and improvement until thirty-two years of age. Indeed he lived for sixty-one years on the same tract of land and still owns the property. Six years ago, however, he left that place and took up his abode in the village of Crawfordsville. He still owns his three hundred and five acres of valuable land in Crawford township and has recently sold eighty acres. From his farm property he

derives a substantial income and he has other sources of revenue, for he is one of the stockholders and directors of the Crawfordsville Savings Bank and owns property in the town. In fact he has been closely associated with town progress here, was one of the builders of the opera house and was also on the building committee to erect the schoolhouse.

On the 3d of November, 1874, Mr. Huston was married to Miss Rebecca Holmes and unto them have been born five children: Samuel W., who is a member of the medical profession, now practicing in Crawfordsville; John Clyde, a farmer of Crawford township; Thomas H., who operates the old homestead which was entered by his grandfather, William Huston, in 1842 and deeded to Joseph Huston in 1872; D. F., who is attending medical school in Iowa City; and Joseph Howard, a school teacher.

In his political views Mr. Huston has ever been an earnest republican and for six years served on the board in Washington county. He was also trustee and justice of the peace and his decisions were strictly fair and impartial. He was likewise president of the school board and the cause of education has ever found in him a stalwart champion whose labors have been efficient, effective and far-reaching. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and was a member of its building committee at the time of the erection of its house of worship. He belongs to the Grand Army Post in Washington and thus maintains pleasant relations with his comrades of the Civil war who aided in defending the stars and stripes. His is a creditable record, one characterized by the faithful performance of duty in every relation, by activity and capable management in business affairs and by cooperation in many movements for the general good.

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#### R. G. CHERRY.

Robert Gilmer Cherry, a well-known farmer and stock raiser of Lime Creek township, Washington county, was born in Cedar township, this county, November 5, 1861, the son of Robert and Mary (Layman) Cherry. The father was a native of Ohio, born in 1825, and there he was reared and married, but he hearkened to the call of the new west and came to Iowa to throw his lot in with the little group of first settlers of Washington county. He located four miles northwest of the county seat, and there made his home until three years before his death, when he turned his farm over to a son and removed to Washington, where he died in 1895 in his seventy-first year. His wife was born in 1830 and died in 1900. He had been a staunch republican, and with his wife had been in regular attendance at the services of the United Presbyterian church.

At home and in the common schools of the county Robert G. Cherry learned the first lessons of life and education, which with him have borne such bountiful fruit in the prosperity of his later years. When he reached manhood he started upon his career as a farmer, for the first year cultivating a portion of the home place. After this experience he bought a farm—a

tract of one hundred and sixty acres in Jackson township—which was his home until 1904. In this year he purchased his present farm of three hundred and three acres, one of the most valuable pieces of arable land in Washington county. After a time Mr. Cherry became interested in the stock business and for several years has been a heavy feeder of cattle—during this spring alone he had one hundred and eighty head in pasture—and has achieved a marked success in this branch of his business, winning an important place among the cattle men of the county.

On the 11th of February, 1890, Mr. Cherry was married to Miss Corinne Stewart, the daughter of John T. and Mary (Bradford) Stewart. Her father is a prominent farmer and stock raiser of Franklin township, Washington county. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Cherry: Stewart L., Mary R., Nellie Lucile and Viola Nancy.

Mr. Cherry casts his votes for the candidates of the republican party, which he invariably supports, and has evinced an active interest in local political affairs. He has filled with great credit the various offices of Jackson township and was also a member of the school board. Since coming to Lime Creek township the people have shown their confidence in him, justified by his previous record, by putting him upon the board of trustees of the township and on the school board, for his interest in the cause of education and the schools has always been active, and during a period of fifteen years he used his influence in advancing educational matters. For he is a man of broad interests; a public-spirited man, who does not shirk laborious routine as a servant of the people whose confidence he has gained. In short, he is a man of sterling integrity, commendable industry, and other fine qualities of character, which have won for him an estimable position among the people of the county.

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#### GEORGE L. FOSTER.

George L. Foster, now deceased, was actively and successfully connected with the agricultural interests of Jackson township for a number of years. He was born in Union county, Pennsylvania, April 16, 1836, a son of Thomas and Margaret (Lashell) Foster, who were likewise natives of the Keystone state. George L. Foster, who obtained his education in the common schools, was but eight years of age when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Stephenson county, Illinois, where he remained until 1875, when he came to Washington county, Iowa. He purchased a tract of eighty acres on section 23, Jackson township, and as his financial resources increased he added to his holdings until at the time of his demise he was the owner of two hundred acres of rich and productive land, which he had placed under a high state of cultivation and improvement. As a farmer he was diligent and persevering and transformed his home place into a very valuable farm, from which he annually harvested good crops. He was

always watchful of opportunities pointing to success and through legitimate business methods won his prosperity.

On the 25th of January, 1866, Mr. Foster was united in marriage to Miss Isabelle McKibben, whose birth occurred in Clinton county, Pennsylvania, December 31, 1838, her parents being James and Isabelle (Harbison) McKibben. In 1850, when but twelve years of age, she accompanied her father and mother on their removal to Illinois, the journey being made by teams and consuming four weeks. Mr. and Mrs. McKibben, both of whom passed away in Illinois, had a family of ten children. Four of the sons, Joseph N., James H., Roland and Foster D., were soldiers of the Civil war and all served their full term of enlistment with exception of James, who enlisted at the last call and was serving when peace was declared. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Foster were born seven children, the record of whom is as follows: Harry and Hattie, who were twins, were born on the 5th of January, 1870. Harry died on the 31st of August, 1870, and Hattie, who became the wife of W. D. McConnell passed away on the 1st of January, 1890, leaving a little daughter, Hattie, eight days old, who now makes her home with her grandmother, Mrs. Foster. Charles J., whose birth occurred March 5, 1868, is a resident of Jackson township. George F. and John F., twins, were born on the 18th of September, 1873, and live in Washington county. Maggie B. and Boyd T., twins, were born on the 7th of June, 1876, and both are still at home with their mother. Mrs. Foster also has three grandchildren.

In his political views Mr. Foster was a stalwart democrat and at different times served in the positions of township clerk, trustee, school director and assessor, discharging his various official duties in a prompt and capable manner. He was a devoted member of the Presbyterian church, in which he served as elder and in the faith of which he passed away on the 7th of March, 1909, his remains being interred in Elm Grove cemetery. His demise came not only as a deep blow to his sorrowing widow and children but also to many who had come to esteem and love him for his sterling traits of character and honorable, upright manhood. Mrs. Foster belongs to the Presbyterian church and is widely and favorably known throughout this county, where she has now made her home for more than a third of a century.

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#### J. A. MARSH.

The invariable law of destiny accords to tireless energy, industry and ability a successful career. This fact finds verification in the life record of J. A. Marsh, engaged in the hardware and implement business in Ainsworth, Iowa, who has also been closely identified with the upbuilding and development of this city. A native of Iowa, he was born in Appanoose county on the 1st of July, 1867. He was a son of J. M. and Sophia (Hazen) Marsh, the former a farmer by occupation, who died in 1870. The mother is still





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living and resides with our subject in Ainsworth. In their family were three children but the two eldest died in infancy.

J. A. Marsh, the only surviving member, when but a small child removed with his parents to a farm west of Ainsworth and there he was reared, acquiring his early education in the common schools of the neighborhood and subsequently pursuing a commercial course at Burlington, Iowa. Having lost his father at the age of three years, he was early compelled to take up the tasks of farm life and as soon as his strength and experience permitted he took charge of the home farm and operated it successfully until the year 1895. In that year he removed to Ainsworth and here with the capital he had accumulated through his labor and industry while on the farm, he entered into a partnership with H. M. Mize in the implement business. This relation continued for three years, and during that period the growth of the concern was remarkable. After the first year they added a hardware department to their business and their trade expanded so rapidly that during the last year of their connection the firm's sales amounted to eight thousand dollars. The partnership was then dissolved, since which time Mr. Marsh has been alone in the business. He now conducts a general hardware, implement, heating and plumbing enterprise and through his capable business management and executive control, the business has tripled itself, the sales for one day only, the 15th of May, amounting to five hundred dollars. As he has prospered he has extended his interests and in company with Mr. Miller he organized and established the Ainsworth Telephone Exchange, but after six years he sold his interest therein and severed his connection with that enterprise. He is the owner of a fine residence in Ainsworth and also owns one hundred and twenty acres of farm land in Oregon township. He has been notably successful in his various business activities and the position to which he has now attained is due directly and entirely to his own indefatigable energy and untiring perseverance, while at all times the upright and honorable methods which he has practiced have gained for him the confidence and trust of his fellowmen.

Mr. Marsh was married on the 3d of September, 1891, to Miss Emma Susie Athearn, an adopted daughter of S. W. A. Athearn of Washington, Iowa, and unto this union were born nine children: Paul A., a graduate of the Ainsworth high school of the class of 1909; Charles A.; Mary Etta; Samuel A.; William A.; Terry A.; and three who are now deceased.

Mr. Marsh is an active member of the Baptist church, having held several offices, while at present he is acting as the superintendent of the Sunday school. Fraternally he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Ainsworth, with the Modern Woodmen of America, also of Ainsworth, and with the Royal Neighbors, of this city. In politics he is independent, casting his influence for men and measures rather than for party ties. He is a member of the town council and during his five years' term of service he has worked diligently and faithfully for the general up-building and improvement of the community, being especially strong in his advocacy for good walks in Ainsworth. He is also serving his second term on the school board and is stalwartly championing the cause of better school

systems. His devotion to the public welfare is unquestioned and arises from a sincere desire for the material, political, intellectual and moral growth of the community. Ainsworth has benefitted greatly by his efforts in her behalf and recognizes him as one of her worthy and representative citizens.

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### JOHN MCKINLEY.

A prominent retired farmer of Wellman, whose family and connections have been intimately connected with the early life of Iowa is John McKinley. Of the grandparents on either side of the McKinley family little is known save that the paternal grandfather bore the name Edmond. But the parents, Thomas and Barbara (Wagner) McKinley, came from Ohio, their native state, to Washington county, Iowa, in 1857, and settled on a farm about four and a half miles north of Wellman. The nearest markets at that time were Washington and Iowa City, and good farm land sold for ten dollars an acre. The McKinleys at first rented the place and subsequently bought it under a rather unique agreement. They paid down the sum of nine hundred dollars as part consideration for the tract of three hundred and twenty acres and contracted to keep the owner, then an old man, the remainder of his life. The old house, which was the first home of the family, is still standing and is one of the landmarks of Johnson county that links the present with the past, which was so different in its manner of life and in the problems it had to face. The conditions of life began to change even during the lifetime of Mr. and Mrs. McKinley, for they lived until 1878, the husband surviving his wife but six weeks, and his seventy-three years being only three more than she had passed through.

John McKinley was born in Licking county, Ohio, October 16, 1842, and was the eldest of a family of four children. His brother next younger, James, married Miss Melissa Maple and now lives in Idaho. The second brother, Peter, married Miss Ep Elrod and resides in St. Louis. The only daughter, Mary Jane, was the wife of W. R. Robinson and made her home near Wellman until her death in 1900.

At the age of twenty-one John McKinley left home to make his own way in the world and after a year's experience decided that a wife would make the battle easier. Consequently on the 14th of January, 1864, he married Miss Sarah E. Britton, whose parents, William Scott and Margaret (Robinson) Britton, like the McKinleys, were among the early settlers of the county, though they antedated the coming of the latter by some fifteen or sixteen years, for though Mr. and Mrs. Britton were born in Ohio and for one year after their marriage lived in Indiana, they came to Washington county in the spring of 1841. Here they took up a government homestead claim of one hundred and sixty acres, about two and a half miles west of Kalona. On this farm they passed the remainder of their days, though they were able, as the result of careful management to add considerably to the original tract. Like the McKinleys, the Brittons also experienced the vicis-



situdes of pioneer life and witnessed the change in the temper of the times, for Mrs. Britton lived until 1880, her sixty-second year, when the conditions were far easier than when she came to the county a young wife, and seventeen years later when Mr. Britton obeyed the call of death, October 11, 1897, and rested after his eighty-two years, the progress was even more marked. Mr. and Mrs. Britton were the parents of five children: Mary Jane, who married Sam Manatt and died in February, 1908; Thaddeus, a resident of Kansas City, Missouri; Sarah E., the wife of our subject; Douglas, who resides on the old home farm; and William C., who died at the age of six years. Mr. and Mrs. McKinley have the following children: William Lee, a resident of Wellman, who married Ada Allen and has two children, William and John Thomas; Thomas H., who married Lottie Cornelius, and lives, with his wife and four children—Oscar, Catherine, George E., and Lucile—in San Antonio, Texas; Nellie B., the wife of E. B. Carney, of Kirksville, Missouri, and the mother of two children, Jerrold McKinley and Lyle Edward; Zoe Alta, who, married to Claude Creswell, lives in Nebraska and is the mother of one child, Clifford. Mrs. McKinley is now sixty-four years of age and has spent her entire life in this county.

Mr. McKinley has been engaged in farming and house-moving ever since his coming to this county, and has ever been active in promoting the interests of town and county. In 1890 he came to Wellman, where he purchased a good home in which he and his wife live surrounded with every comfort and enjoying in comparative rest the fruits of their former labors. Though he has retired from active life, he still retains the possession of the old farm of two hundred and forty acres. In politics Mr. McKinley is a democrat.

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#### C. B. MORGAN.

C. B. Morgan is one of the extensive landowners of Washington county, his property interests comprising five hundred and sixty acres in the home place, also one hundred and thirty acres elsewhere in Clay township with one hundred and sixty-six acres in Van Buren county, Iowa, and twenty-two acres adjoining the city of Des Moines. His investments have been judiciously made and he is therefore classed among the prosperous residents of this locality. He gives his time and attention largely to general farming and stock raising and his home place is well equipped with all of the necessary accessories and conveniences for carrying on his work in accordance with modern methods. He was born in Scotland about ten miles from the city of Glasgow, March 22, 1851, and is a son of John and Margaret (Russell) Morgan, who were likewise natives of the land of hills and heather. In the year 1854 the father came with his family to the United States, taking passage on a sailing vessel which was six weeks in making the voyage to New York. He first settled in the midst of the Allegheny mountains and later took up his abode in Mercer county, Pennsylvania, and later became

a resident of Paradise, Kentucky, where he lived until his removal to Knox county, Illinois. He afterward went to Buffalo county, Wisconsin, and then again established his home in Illinois. Later he crossed the Mississippi into Iowa, settling in Jasper county and from that place went to Webster county, Iowa, where he died in 1907. His entire life was devoted to mining and he acted as superintendent of mines in Knox county, Illinois, and in Jasper county, Iowa. His life was one of industry and honor and whatever success he enjoyed was attributable entirely to his own labors. He had for ten years survived his wife who passed away in 1897 and was laid to rest at Gowrie, Iowa. In the family of this worthy and respected couple were ten children who are yet living and one who has passed away, the second child having died in infancy. C. B. Morgan is the eldest, while the other members of the family are as follows: Bertha, the wife of Valentine Coats, a blacksmith residing in Des Moines, Iowa; Thomas, who follows farming in Webster county, this state; John, who is living in Murdo, South Dakota; William, of Des Moines, who is with the Percena Hub & Willow Company; Barbara, who is the wife of James Somerville, a ranchman and mine superintendent living at Rock Springs, Wyoming; Robert, a farmer of Keokuk county; George, who follows farming near Fort Dodge, Iowa; James, a railroad engineer living at St. Paul, Minnesota; and Jeannette, the wife of Edward Starry, a traveling salesman.

C. B. Morgan was only four years of age when he accompanied his parents on their embarkation to the new world. He spent his boyhood and youth under the parental roof, remaining at home until twenty-one years of age, after which he engaged in farming for a year. He then removed to Polk county, Iowa, where he had charge of the operation of a mine for six years. On the expiration of that period he turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits in Clay township, making investment in land to which he has added from time to time as his financial resources have increased until his holdings are now extensive and bring to him a gratifying annual revenue. The home property of five hundred and sixty acres is a valuable tract, well improved and presenting a most attractive appearance. He has in addition one hundred and thirty acres in Clay township and one hundred and sixty-six acres in Van Buren county together with twenty-two acres near Des Moines. He was likewise one of the organizers and is one of the directors of the Rubio Savings Bank and he also owns real estate in the town of Rubio.

In 1877 Mr. Morgan was united in marriage to Miss Amanda Waters, whose father was one of the first school teachers in Washington county. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Morgan have been born five children: Margaret, the wife of P. B. Johnson, a farmer of Clay township; Annie, the wife of Otto Schmitter, also a farmer; C. E., who is associated with his father in business; Pearl, a miller of Seattle, Washington; and Orville, at home.

In his political views Mr. Morgan is a republican, giving stalwart support to the party. He belongs to the Mutual Benevolent Association, is a member of the Friends church and is a staunch advocate of the cause of temperance. Indeed his influence is always given on the side of morality, justice,

righteousness and truth and his influence has been a potent element for good. He has led a very busy and useful life and his record proves that **success and an honored name may be won simultaneously.**

### HON. ABRAM PEARSON.

Making the best possible use of his talents and opportunities, Hon. Abram Pearson has not only become a successful man in business, but is regarded as a citizen of wide influence in the community and county in which he resides, having served two terms as a member of the legislature. Mr. Pearson was born near Kansas City, Kansas, July 15, 1837, a son of Moses and Sarah Pearson, who were natives of South Carolina, whence they removed to Miami county, Ohio. Both were of English origin. In their family were eight children, all born in Miami county, Ohio, with exception of our subject. They were Mahala J., the wife of Eli Jay, of Richmond, Indiana; Timothy, deceased; Anna, the wife of Robert L. Kelly, of Richmond, Indiana; Joshua, a resident of Laura, Ohio; Nathan, who enlisted for three years as a member of Company D, Forty-fourth Ohio Regiment and died in the service; Rhoda and Serepta, both deceased; and Abram, of this review. In 1835 Moses Pearson and Henry Harvey were sent out by the Society of Friends, to which they belonged, to establish schools among the Indians in Indian Territory, where the Methodists and Baptists had established similar institutions. These gentlemen took their families with them and maintained their schools for three years, although theirs were the only white families in the neighborhood. In 1838 the Pearson family returned to Miami county, Ohio, locating on the home farm near West Milton, where the parents of our subject continued to reside until their death. Mr. Pearson was a great favorite with the Indians and two of their celebrated chiefs paid him a visit at his Ohio home several years after his return.

Abram Pearson was reared to maturity under the parental roof, during which time he began his early education in the common schools of the neighborhood, this knowledge being supplemented by two years' study in Antioch College, at Yellow Springs, Ohio. After completing his education, he engaged in teaching, following the profession with success until the time of his marriage in 1862, when he wedded Miss Julia Applegate, a daughter of Elias and Emma (Dehart) Applegate, both of whom were natives of New Jersey.

Subsequent to his marriage Mr. Pearson continued teaching for two years and then removed to Kokomo, Indiana, where he spent one year, while the year 1865 witnessed his arrival in Washington county, Iowa. He purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in Highland township but after a year disposed of that tract and invested his money in the farm on which he now resides, this place comprising four hundred and eighty acres, situated in Jackson township. This farm has been brought to its present state of fertility through the efforts of Mr. Pearson, who has spent many years of

earnest effort in cultivating the land, while he has also placed substantial buildings on the place and now has one of the most valuable farms in Washington county. He has always made a specialty of raising and feeding stock and has met with very desirable success.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Pearson was blessed with seven children: Lysander, who is deceased; E. Grant; Nathan Colfax; Anna, the wife of C. E. Brown, of Jackson township; Howard, deceased; Clara Myrtle, who after graduating from the Washington schools engaged in teaching five years and is now at home; and A. F., who is a student of the State Agricultural College, at Ames, Iowa. The wife and mother departed this life May 4, 1906, her remains being interred in Elm Grove cemetery at Washington.

Mr. Pearson is a member of the Presbyterian church and in his political views is a republican and is recognized as one of the local leaders of the party. He served two years, from 1879 until 1881, as a member of the legislature, showing himself qualified to fill the office to the satisfaction of the people whom he represented. He also served continuously for thirty-five years on the school board, during which time he gave efficient service. While giving much of his time to public interests, Mr. Pearson has gained creditable success, being the owner of a valuable farm of four hundred and eighty acres, one of the best in Washington county.

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### JOHN A. AUGUSTINE.

The Augustine family is an old and prominent one of Dutch Creek township, where its representatives have been identified with farming interests since 1836. The first of the name to locate here was Michael Augustine, grandfather of our subject, who, as before mentioned, came in 1836, the land at that time being still in possession of the Indians. In those early days war parties gathered in the neighborhood and on one occasion a battle took place, one Indian being killed.

Godfrey Augustine, father of our subject, was born in Germany, May 17, 1825, and was a little lad of five years at the time of the emigration of the family to the United States, at which time they settled in Pennsylvania, later going to Indiana, and subsequently making a permanent location in Washington county. Here the father grew to manhood and when the land was placed upon the market he invested in two hundred acres in Dutch Creek township, paying the usual price of a dollar and a quarter per acre. He was married here, October 25, 1848, to Miss Margaret Anne Harvy, a daughter of W. L. Harvy, and for nine years following his marriage he worked in a packing house in Burlington, in addition to developing his newly acquired tract of land. In later life he gave his entire time and attention to his agricultural interests and became a prosperous citizen of this section of the county. He departed this life July 23, 1906, respected by all who knew him, for his life was lived in accordance with strict and upright principles.



Mrs. Margaret A. Augustine, who is still living on the home farm, was born in Virginia, November 21, 1830, and when but five years of age was taken by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Harvy, to Illinois, a location being made near Peoria. After two years there spent they removed to Washington, Iowa, the year of their settlement here being 1837. At that time there was not a house where Washington is now located, so that in a review of the last half century one can see the many changes that have here occurred as the land has been divided into excellent farms, towns and villages have sprung into existence and the work of improvement is being carried steadily forward. Although Mrs. Augustine has reached the advanced age of seventy-nine years, she still enjoys good health and recalls with interest the events of those early days, when the family first located in Washington county. She has been a member of the Methodist church for the past forty years.

Mrs. Augustine has become the mother of eight children, namely: John A., of this review; Mary, deceased; William David, who follows farming in Dutch Creek township; one who died in infancy; Hester, the wife of George Statler, who resides near Keota, Iowa; George W., who is on the home farm; Emily, the wife of John Luer, a farmer of Dutch Creek township; and Sheridan.

John A. Augustine, born August 9, 1849, began his education in the common schools and attended Washington Academy one term. He engaged in teaching fourteen terms and was quite successful in the profession. He has always lived at home and is now giving his time to the cultivation of the home farm, the possessions of the family aggregating five hundred and eighty-three acres, all in Dutch Creek township. Since the father's death, the sons have carried on the work and management of the farm and are enterprising and progressive young men, who merit the high esteem in which they are universally held.

Mr. Augustine gives his political support to the republican party. He has spent his entire life on the home farm and is therefore well known throughout the community, bearing the excellent reputation which has always been borne by the older members of the family.

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#### VICTOR F. SCHNOEBELEN.

Victor F. Schnoebelen, a representative farmer of Washington county, is a native of Iowa, born in Iowa township, this county, on April 19, 1870, a son of Sigismond and Josephine (Shmidle) Schnoebelen. The father, whose birth occurred in Alsace, Germany, on the 27th of April, 1835, came with his parents to America in 1836, the family home being established in Iowa in 1844. In this state he was reared and educated and devoted the years of his active business life to the occupation of farming. He is now, however, living retired in the enjoyment of well earned rest. He makes his home on a fine farm which he owns, but leaves the active work of the

fields to his son, Oscar. He wedded Josephine Shmidle, a native of Bohemia, and in their family were the following children: Frances, the wife of John T. Bulger; L. H.; Albert; Victor, of this review; Agnes, the wife of Charles Strabley, of Johnson county, Iowa; Matilda, who is the wife of August Grothe and makes her home in this county; and Oscar, operating his father's farm.

Victor F. Schnobelen passed his early life under the parental roof, attending the common schools in the acquirement of an education. After laying aside his text-books he assisted his father in the cultivation of the fields, early learning lessons concerning the value of industry and perseverance. He remained at home until twenty-two years of age, at which time he began business on his own account, operating a portion of the home farm for about four years. He then purchased the farm upon which he now resides and has continued to devote his attention to agricultural pursuits. The place consists of two hundred and twenty acres of rich and productive land located on section 4, Iowa township. It is richly cultivated and is equipped with all modern improvements and accessories, including the latest machinery to facilitate the work of the fields. He not only devotes his attention to the cultivation of the soil but has become well known as a raiser of sheep, horses and mules, making a specialty of Hampshire Downs and Rambouillet sheep, while he also raises heavy draft horses.

Mr. Schnobelen was united in marriage in 1898 to Miss Julia Hogan, a native of Johnson county, Iowa, and to this union has been born one child, Leonard. In September, 1903, the wife and mother was called to her final rest, and on the 16th of February, 1909, Mr. Schnobelen was again married, his second union being with Miss Antoinette Sueppel, a native of this township. He and his wife are members of the Catholic church and their lives are at all times in harmony with the teachings thereof. Mr. Schnobelen is independent in politics, casting his vote for men and measures which in his opinion are best adapted to subserve the general welfare of the community. He has been prosperous in his agricultural pursuits and is recognized as one of the representative farmers of this locality, not only because of his success but also on account of the high place he has won for himself in the regard and esteem of his fellowmen.

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#### E. M. SHAW.

E. M. Shaw, who for more than four decades has been prominently and successfully identified with the farming and stock-raising interests of Jackson township, was born in Mercer county, Illinois, on the 16th of November, 1838, his parents being Samuel and Susan B. Shaw. The ancestry of the family can be traced back to the coming of the Puritans, and the first of whom authentic knowledge can be obtained was Samuel Shaw, the grandfather of our subject. He was born in Maine, his ancestors having settled there when the state was yet a province and a part of New Hampshire.

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MRS. E. M. SHAW



Samuel Shaw served during the war of the Revolution and after his return was married. There was but one child of that union, Samuel Shaw, Jr., the father of our subject. Soon after the birth of this son, in 1793, Samuel Shaw, Sr., died and his widow afterward married David French, who gave his stepson a good education and reared him carefully. Mr. French was a farmer and several children were born of his union with Mrs. Shaw.

Samuel Shaw, Jr., learned surveying which was turned to account later in life when he became deputy surveyor of Licking county, Ohio. He was engaged as post guard during the war of 1812, belonging to what was known as the Minute Men. In 1814 he was married to Rebecca Pease, a native of Maine and of Scotch ancestry. Unto them were born eight children: Samuel, now deceased; Sarah, who became the wife of D. M. Pierce and has also passed away; Hetty, the deceased wife of Thomas Bigelow; Annis, the deceased wife of C. H. Budd; Robert, who died in Rock Island in 1886; Martha, who became the wife of Jackson Ream and died in Moline, Illinois; Francis and William, both of whom have passed away. After the death of Mrs. Rebecca Shaw, the father married Susan B. Maxfield, also, a native of Maine and of Scotch-Irish lineage. She was a daughter of Eliphalet and Mary J. (McCrillis) Maxfield. Her mother was born in Ireland and wedded Eliphalet Maxfield in Maine. He was a farmer and tanner, carrying on all kinds of business. Unto him and his wife were born the following children: Nathaniel, William, Rufus, Orrin, Jane, Susan, Maria, Elizabeth and Hugh. In 1837 the parents removed to Knoxville, Illinois, and most of their children accompanied them.

Samuel Shaw left Maine in 1817 and with his family settled in Licking county, Ohio, where he followed surveying for many years. In 1825 he became a Free Will Baptist, preaching regularly at Granville, Ohio, until after the death of his wife in 1835. **He then removed with his family to Mercer county, Illinois, purchasing a farm, and for ten years he traveled constantly and preached over the northwestern part of Illinois from Bureau county to the junction of the Illinois and Mississippi rivers.** In 1836 the Rev. Shaw returned to his native state, was there married to Susan B. Maxfield and then made his way again to Illinois. He became a partner with his relative, Pat Pease, the former furnishing the capital and the latter the time, and about fourteen thousand acres of military land were purchased but through defective titles and litigation, both gentlemen became bankrupt. Samuel Shaw was then fifty years of age and had to begin at the bottom of the ladder to retrieve his fortunes. Unfortunately at this time he met with an accident which prevented his taking part in any manual labor and for several consecutive years he taught school, walking on crutches. He also filled the pulpit of several Free Will Baptist churches in the vicinity. In 1852 he served as pastor of a church in Fulton county, Illinois, and having been successful in retrieving a small part of his fortune he purchased a farm of one hundred acres in that county. He remained there until 1865 with the exception of a brief period of two years and at the age of seventy he relinquished the ministry and followed his children to Iowa, purchasing a farm near Washington, where he remained during the residue of his lifetime.

reaching the ripe old age of eighty-seven years. During his ministry Rev. Shaw was perhaps as widely known in the state of Illinois as any clergyman within its borders. Over a score of special services were held at different churches in that state on hearing of his death. Moreover, as a pioneer settler he was greatly endeared to all of the oldest and best families in the territory over which he traveled. He passed away in October, 1890, while the death of his second wife occurred in 1897. They were the parents of the following children, all of whom were born in Illinois, namely: E. M., of this review; Elizabeth and Flora Maud, both deceased; Louisa, the wife of W. S. Reister, a resident of Washington, Iowa; Albert, who is mentioned elsewhere in this volume; Alfred, who was a twin of Albert and is now deceased; James B., living in Nebraska.

When but five years of age E. M. Shaw accompanied his parents on their removal to Fulton county, Illinois, where he grew to maturity and was married. In the spring of 1865 he brought his family to Washington county, Iowa, purchasing the farm in Jackson township, which has since remained his place of abode. His holdings comprise two hundred and forty acres of rich and productive land on sections 26 and 35, which he bought at five and a half dollars per acre and which he has improved and developed to such an extent that it is now worth one hundred and seventy-five dollars an acre. In addition to tilling the soil he has also made a specialty of raising and feeding cattle and hogs, both branches of his business returning to him a gratifying annual income by reason of his untiring and well directed industry and capable management. His property interests are the visible evidence of a life of unfaltering perseverance and energy and he has long been numbered among the most substantial, progressive and representative citizens of the county.

On the 14th of February, 1858, Mr. Shaw was united in marriage to Miss Sally Wheeler, a native of Jefferson county, New York, who removed with her parents to Fulton county, Illinois, in early childhood. Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler, who passed away in Fulton county, Illinois, reared a family of seven children, three of whom still survive. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Shaw have been born eleven children, namely: Bertha, who is the widow of J. C. Meek and makes her home in Jackson township; Jasper L., a resident of South Dakota; Euphemia, the wife of W. F. McConahey, of Spokane Falls, Washington; Rose, at home; Cora, the wife of J. D. Hays, of Washington, Iowa; Alfred, who died in infancy; Ida, the wife of G. E. Richards, of Oklahoma; Susan, who is a graduate of the State Normal School and engaged in teaching for several years; Allie, the wife of B. B. Jarrard, of Washington county; Edna, who is deceased; and Maud, who has also followed the profession of teaching for four years and is residing at home. The mother of these children, Mrs. Sally Shaw, departed this life March 22, 1909, and her death was deeply regretted not only by her immediate family, but also by many friends, for she had endeared herself to those with whom she came in contact by reason of her many excellent traits of heart and mind.

Politically Mr. Shaw is a stalwart democrat and has capably served his fellow townsmen in various positions of public trust and responsibility. From



1873 until 1875 he acted as assessor and was again elected to that office in 1900, holding the position to the present time. He likewise served as trustee and as school treasurer for twenty-five years, ever discharging his official duties in a manner that won him the confidence and good will of all concerned. Fraternally he is connected with the Masonic lodge and with the chapter and commandery at Washington, Iowa, being a worthy exemplar of the craft. He is public-spirited, giving his cooperation to every movement which tends to promote the moral, intellectual and material welfare of the community. The hospitality of the best homes is freely extended to him, as well as to the members of his household, the circle of his friends being almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintances.

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### ELMER I. COFFEY.

Elmer I. Coffey is now proprietor of the paper—the Wellman Advance—on which he learned the printer's trade. His present place in the business world is a proof of ability and diligence which have brought him from a humble position to one of local prominence. He is a native son of Wellman, born August 12, 1880. His father, Joseph L. Coffey, was a native of Indiana and in his boyhood days was brought to Washington county, Iowa, by his parents, James and Louise Coffey. His father, who for many years was well known throughout this part of the state as Uncle Jimmy—a term indicative of the most friendly relations—entered land in Lime Creek township on his removal to the west, and upon the farm which he developed his son Joseph L. Coffey was reared, while the public schools afforded him his educational privileges. At the age of twenty-two years he put aside the work of the fields and came to Wellman, where for many years he was employed as a salesman in dry-goods and hardware stores, devoting the greater part of his time, however, to the hardware trade. With the exception of six years spent in Riverside and Prairie City, he has continuously lived in Wellman since attaining his majority and is now a salesman in a dry-goods store of this city. His fraternal relations are with the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen, while his political allegiance is given to the democracy. He married Susan Wellman, a daughter of Joseph and Lucy (McDowell) Wellman. Her father was among the first settlers of this county and the town of Wellman was named in his honor. The McDowells were also pioneer residents here and both families were prominent in the work of general improvement and progress, whereby a wild frontier district was converted into one of the leading counties of the state, supplied with all of the evidences and conveniences of modern civilization. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Coffey were born three sons: J. Wilson, who is now living in Iowa City; Elmer I.; and Irvin E., whose home is in New Albany, Indiana, where he is employed as a bookkeeper.

Elmer I. Coffey, according to the places of his parents' residence, attended the schools of Riverside, Prairie City and Wellman, and when his

school days were over he entered the office of the Wellman Advance, where he learned the printer's trade. He also spent a year in the office of the Garri-son (Iowa) Independent, having charge of the paper at that time. In 1903 he returned to Wellman, and although but twenty-three years of age, he purchased the Advance and has since conducted the paper. He takes great pride in this journal, as well he may do, for there is probably no newspaper published in the state of Iowa in a town the size of Wellman that can claim as large a subscription list, for the paper now has a paid circulation of thirteen hundred. It is an able exponent of modern journalism and his plant is a well appointed establishment, including a type setting machine and other time-saving appliances. The Advance presents a most neat and attractive appearance and is devoted to the dissemination of general and local news.

In 1902 Mr. Coffey was united in marriage to Miss Lola Oldaker, who was born in Iowa county, Iowa, on the 26th of June, 1880, and is a daughter of H. J. and Mary E. (Crosby) Oldaker, the former a resident farmer of Green township. Mr. and Mrs. Coffey have become the parents of four children: Max A., born November 27, 1902; Marcia, born November 23, 1904; Helen I., born January 5, 1907; and Kathleen, December 13, 1908.

Mr. Coffey is a popular and valued member of the Knights of Pythias lodge and also of the Masonic lodge at Wellman, while his wife holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. They are both widely and favorably known and in the city of their residence have many warm friends.

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### HARWIN T. REYNOLDS.

Harwin T. Reynolds, now living retired in Washington, was born in Rensselaer county, New York, April 20, 1847, and is a son of Almon E. and Mary R. (Knowlton) Reynolds, who were likewise natives of the Empire state. The paternal grandfather, Elijah Reynolds, was also born there and followed the occupation of farming as a life work. He married Betsy Babcock, and they had two children, Almon and Olive. After losing his first wife, Mr. Reynolds married again, and there were four children by that union: Eben C., William T., Ann, and Maria. In the maternal line Harwin T. Reynolds comes of an old New York family. His grandfather, Nathan Knowlton, was born in that state and in early life learned the trades of carpentering and cabinetmaking. He married Eunice Randall and both lived to an advanced age. Their family numbered two sons and five daughters, namely: Mary, Olive, Maria, Harriet, Paulina, Warren and Aaron.

Almon E. Reynolds devoted his life to farming in Rensselaer county, New York, and in the '30s he belonged to the state militia. He lived to an old age, passing away in 1898 at the age of eighty-six years, while his wife died in 1862 at sixty-eight years of age. They were the parents of five children: Elizabeth, the wife of L. Quackenbush, of St. Paul, Minnesota; Harwin T.; William H., deceased; Mrs. Jennie D. Quackenbush, of Hoosick, New York; and Almon F., also of Hoosick.

Harwin T. Reynolds spent his youthful days in the usual manner of farm lads of the period and the locality. He was reared in Rensselaer county, New York, and remained with his parents until he had attained his majority, in the meantime acquiring his education in the country schools, in the public schools at Hoosick Falls, in the Fort Edwards Institute at Fort Edwards, New York, and in the Alfred (New York) University. Coming to Iowa soon after the completion of his education he became identified with agricultural interests of this part of the state, purchasing one hundred and sixty acres of land in Jackson township, which he improved and successfully cultivated for many years. He brought his fields under a high state of cultivation, carrying on work along modern lines and as his financial resources permitted he added one hundred and twenty acres to his original possessions, which he afterward sold. At different times he has bought and sold other tracts, but still retains possession of eighty acres in Jackson township. He continued his residence upon his farm there until 1893, when he removed to the city of Washington, where he has now made his home for the past sixteen years, living in honorable and well earned retirement.

On the 24th of November, 1869, Mr. Reynolds was united in marriage to Miss Frances Percy, a daughter of John M. and Patience (Percy) Percy. Mrs. Reynolds was born in Rensselaer county, New York, October 31, 1849, and her parents were farming people who were also natives of the Empire state. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds has been blessed with two sons, John P. and Almon E. The former, who is now division engineer of the Grand Rapids district of the Pere Marquette Railroad, married Lillian Wilson and has two children, Francis W. and J. Isabel. Almon E. is a traveling salesman, located at Calgary, Canada.

Mr. Reynolds belongs to Washington Lodge, No. 26, A. F. & A. M.; Cyrus Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Bethlehem Commandery, No. 45, K. T.; and also to the Knights of Pythias lodge. His political views are in accord with the principles of the republican party and he has been called to fill various local offices, serving as justice of the peace two years, as township assessor four years, as township clerk six years and a member of the board of county supervisors for nine years. In all these positions he has discharged his duties with promptness and fidelity, fully recognizing and meeting the obligations that devolved upon him.

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### CHARLES L. WAKELEE.

Charles L. Wakelee, who has passed the years of his maturity in Washington county and is known here and in Keokuk county as a large farmer and the owner of an extensive tract of land, was born in Connecticut, September 15, 1836, the son of W. C. and Caroline (Hawkins) Wakelee. Both parents were natives of Connecticut and lived to see nearly four score years pass over their heads, for the father was in his seventy-seventh year at the

time of his death, and his helpmeet had told off one more year when her life's work was done.

At the age of nineteen Charles L. Wakelee started to win his success in the battle of life, at first working by the day on a farm. In 1856 he came to Washington county, not so easily reached as at present, for the railroad went no farther than Iowa City. In 1861 he enlisted at Iowa City, in Company B, Fourteenth Iowa Infantry, for service on the frontier and was soon transferred to the cavalry. All along the Missouri River, at Fort Randall, Fort Piere, and other places he did his share in the skirmishes with the Indians. His three years of service, for he was discharged in the fall of 1864, had given his experiences as thrilling, demanding as much courage, and incurring as much danger as those of that greater struggle that was being waged at the same time on battlefields far to the south. On leaving the army Mr. Wakelee returned to Washington county and subsequently bought a farm in Keokuk county, which had Washington and Iowa City as its nearest markets. In 1868 he engaged in the lumber business in South English, Iowa, but after two years hearkened to the call of the farm and returned to his former occupation. In 1892 he moved to Wellman, where he secured a comfortable home and has since resided here.

In the spring following his discharge from the army, that of 1865, Mr. Wakelee married the woman of his choice, Miss Sarah Duer, the daughter of William and Margaret (Stinchcomb) Duer. Her parents were natives of Pennsylvania and subsequently lived in Ohio, but came to Washington county, Iowa, in 1843. Three years later the father died at the early age of thirty-seven, and the mother returned to Ohio, where she remained until 1856. In that year she came again to Washington county, where she passed the larger number of her remaining years. Four years before her death she went to Smith's Center, Kansas, and there at the ripe age of eighty-eight on the 17th of February, 1899, she passed away. Mrs. Wakelee was one of a family of five children. Her brother Jonathan married Miss Sarah Cranstons and lived for a time in Keokuk county, whence he removed to Kansas—his place of residence until his death, which occurred December 3, 1907. Another brother, John, married Miss Jane McElvane, and after her death Miss Rachel Gillem. He also lives in Kansas. The third brother, Josiah, who married Miss Mary Hand, likewise went to Kansas after a short residence of four years in Washington county. The youngest of the family, Achsah, was the wife of I. N. McElvane and lived in Washington up to 1886, the year of her death.

Charles L. Wakelee was the third son in a family of four, the others being: Eli H., who married Miss Amanda Chatfield and lived in Connecticut until his death in 1907; Albert, whose wife, Emerette, died about 1862; and David, who married Miss Mary Myers and was a resident of Cedar county, Iowa, up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1888. Charles L. Wakelee and his wife have two sons and their later years have been gladdened by two grandchildren. The older son, Charles Herman, married Miss Cloe Squires and resides in Creighton, Nebraska. He is the father of one son, Floyd. The other son, Lewis Clark, married Miss Agnes White and is



now the father of one daughter, Eva. He makes his home in Ellensburg, Washington.

As a member of the Ed. Hamlin Post, No. 112, G. A. R., Mr. Wakelee revives the memories of his soldier days with those other men who fought for the preservation of the Union. The Methodist Episcopal church numbers him among its members, and the republican party counts upon his vote and influence at election times. Mr. Wakelee is well known and held in high esteem in this and Keokuk county, where during his long life he has been identified with farming interests. In the latter county he is at present the owner of one hundred and fifty acres on section 13, Liberty township.

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### JOHN D. BUCKLEY.

John D. Buckley is numbered among the men of foreign birth who, attracted by the opportunities of the new world, sought a home in America, and in the utilization of advantages here offered have gradually worked their way upward in the business world. He is now acting as engineer of the water works at Washington and is accounted one of the substantial citizens of this place. His birth occurred in County Kerry, Ireland, November 25, 1851. His paternal grandfather, Daniel Buckley, was likewise a native of that land, where he followed the occupation of farming until he passed away at an advanced age. His son, Dennis Buckley, who was born on the Emerald isle, became a farmer and in following that pursuit provided for his family. He married Johanna Shea, also a native of Ireland, as were her parents, Oliver and Jane (Shelton) Shea. Mr. Shea also carried on general agricultural pursuits and both he and his wife reached advanced years ere called to their final rest. They were the parents of three sons and four daughters: Daniel, Patrick, John, Mary, Julia, Bridget, and Johanna. The last named became the wife of Dennis Buckley and unto them were born nine children, of whom seven are yet living: James, a resident of County Kerry, Ireland; John D., of this review; Mary, who is the widow of Michael Keating and lives in County Kerry; Julia, who is married and resides in Manitowoc, Wisconsin; Patrick, a resident of Chicago; Daniel, who is living in Texas; and Dennis, also of Chicago. The father died when about seventy-five years of age and the mother passed away at the age of sixty-three. Both were members of the Catholic church.

John D. Buckley lived in Ireland until sixteen years of age and attended the parish schools, but hearing the call of the new world he responded and in 1867 sought a home in America. His first location was in Warren county, Illinois, where he was employed at farm labor and in 1869 he came to Iowa, locating in Jefferson county, whence in 1871 he came to Washington and secured a situation as brakeman on the Rock Island Railroad. After being employed in that capacity for three years he devoted nine years to service as a fireman on the road. Being promoted to engineer he first had charge of a freight and later of a passenger engine, being thus employed from 1885

until 1898, when he embarked in mercantile lines as a dealer in coal, wood and ice. For two years he conducted the business, after which he spent six months as an engineer in the employ of the Great Northern Railroad. After his return home he went to Columbus, Mississippi, and became locomotive engineer for the Southern Railway, but spent only a brief time in that service. Since 1902 he has occupied the position of engineer at the Washington waterworks and has given thorough satisfaction in that position.

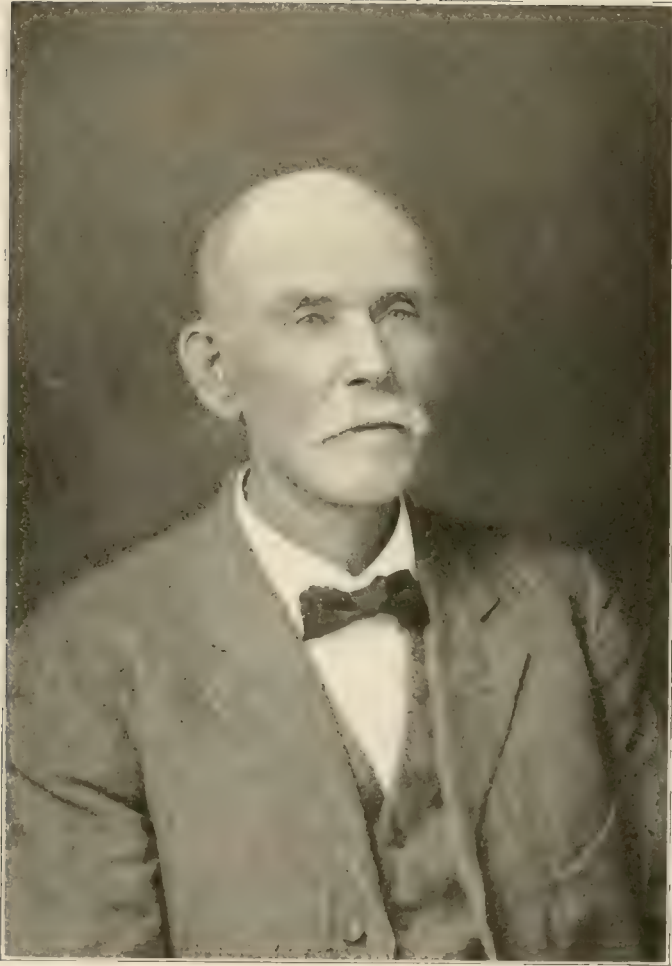
In November, 1876, Mr. Buckley was united in marriage to Miss Mary J. Cross, a daughter of J. B. and Mary (Scannell) Cross. Mrs. Buckley is also a native of the Emerald isle, where her parents were likewise born. Her father died there, after which her mother came to America, spending her last days in Washington, Iowa, where she passed away in 1907 at the age of seventy-six years. There were but two children in the family, James and Mary. By her marriage Mrs. Buckley has become the mother of seven children: George, the eldest, residing in Chicago, is now western agent for Everybody's Magazine. Dolly is living at home. Kate is a nurse in the Presbyterian Hospital in Chicago. Mary is attending the university in Iowa City. Frank is a reporter on the Chicago Daily News. Raymond is clerk in a shoe store in Washington. Harold is in school.

The parents are members of the Catholic church and Mr. Buckley is connected with the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. His political allegiance is given to the democracy, for he believes that the principles of the party are best calculated to promote good government. He resides at No. 421 West Second street, where he owns a good home, which is the visible evidence of his life of well directed energy and thrift. Whatever success he has achieved is attributable entirely to his own labors and the record shows that he has been an active and energetic man, never fearing earnest labor nor close application—in fact those qualities constitute the basis of the success which he is now enjoying.

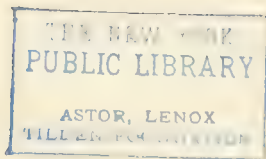
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### T. E. JOHNSON.

T. E. Johnson is a retired farmer who for many years was identified with the agricultural interests of Washington county and through his persistent, earnest labors attained the success which numbers him among the men of affluence of the county and now enables him to enjoy the fruits of his former toil. He is a native of Nelson county, Kentucky, born September 22, 1841, his parents being Noel and Frances M. (Vaughan) Johnson. The Johnson family is originally of Scotch lineage and was founded in Virginia at an early day. Later representatives of the name went to Kentucky and Noel Johnson was born in Fleming county of the latter state. He married Frances M. Vaughan, also a native of Kentucky. Her grandfather was a native of Wales, became the founder of the family in the new world and devoted much of his life to the work of the Baptist ministry. The grandmother of our



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subject was in her maidenhood a Miss Allen and a niece of General Ethan Allen, of Ticonderoga fame.

The parents of our subject were married in Kentucky and in 1852 came from that state to Iowa, locating in Marion township, Washington county, where the father carried on general farming until 1882. In that year he was called to his final rest and his remains were laid in Eureka cemetery. His early political support was given to the whig party and he afterward became a staunch democrat. He was a member of the board of supervisors, was justice of the peace and assessor in Marion township, filling the last named position for thirty years. No higher testimonial of his faithfulness and ability could be given. He was at all times a loyal, reliable citizen and business man, who enjoyed in high measure the confidence and good will of those with whom he was associated. Unto him and his wife were born eleven children, five of whom are yet living: Milton Y., who follows farming in Christian county, Missouri; Martha K., who is the wife of Waller Cowhed, a resident of Louisville, Kentucky; Lorenzo D., who follows farming near Lincoln, Nebraska; Gertrude, the wife of George Hammond, who is also engaged in tilling the soil near Lincoln; and T. E.

The last named spent the first ten years of his life in the county of his nativity and then accompanied his parents on their removal to Iowa, where he shared with the family in the hardships and experiences incident to pioneer life. In August, 1862, he responded to the country's call for aid to crush out the rebellion in the south and was on duty for three years, participating in a number of engagements. He was wounded at the battle of Prairie Grove, being shot through the left arm below the elbow. Following his recovery he was taken prisoner and was incarcerated for ten months, some of the time being in Tyler, Texas. He was then exchanged and later participated in the battle of Spanish Fort and other engagements of that campaign. When he was discharged he held the rank of sergeant. His military record was a most creditable one, being characterized by the utmost loyalty in every relation.

When the war was over Mr. Johnson returned home and began working by the month as a farm hand, but ambitious to engage in business on his own account he utilized the first opportunity to do so. In 1868 he began farming in Marion township, and subsequently he sold that property and in 1873 took up his abode at his present location in Franklin township. Here he has now continued for thirty-six years and has one of the well developed properties of the community, constituting one of the attractive features in the landscape. His farm contains two hundred and forty-four acres lying in both Brighton and Franklin townships and all of the improvements upon the land have been placed there by Mr. Johnson, who has ever manifested a spirit of undaunted enterprise and progress in his business career. In connection with farming he raises a great many fancy road horses.

In 1868 Mr. Johnson married Miss Eliza J. McKinnie, a resident of Washington county and a daughter of Walter McKinnie, who was born in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, September 15, 1815. Her mother was a native of Kentucky, born in Cynthiaana, in 1821. It was on the 12th of

April, 1823, that Mr. McKinnis became a resident of Washington county, Iowa, and being a farmer by occupation, he entered land in Brighton township and engaged in its cultivation and improvement until his death, which occurred in May, 1890. His wife survived him for two years and passed away in July, 1901. He took quite a prominent part in public affairs and served as supervisor for three years. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have two children: Walter, at home; and Mary Elizabeth, who is the wife of Walter Mickey of Torrington, Wyoming.

In his political views Mr. Johnson has ever been a democrat, giving the party stalwart support because of a firm belief in the party principles. His fellow townsmen, recognizing his ability and worth, called him to the office of sheriff, in which he capably served for four years. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity interested in its work and at all times manifests a spirit of progressive citizenship which leads to cooperation in affairs of general progress and value.

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### REUBEN RICKEY.

Almost a century and a half ago George Washington said that "Farming is the most useful as well as the most honorable occupation of man." It is to this work that Reuben Rickey gives his time and attention, for he is the owner of a farm of one hundred and thirty-seven acres in Lime Creek township. He has long made a specialty of raising and feeding stock and although he is now in his seventy-eighth year he still gives active supervision to his business affairs. His life record began in Pickaway county, Ohio, December 28, 1831, his parents being John and Ruth (Dick) Rickey. The father was born in West Virginia, while the mother's birth occurred in Pickaway county, Ohio. They lived in the latter state for a number of years after their marriage and on coming to Iowa in 1828 took up their abode in this county, where they resided until called to their final rest. The father, however, was not long permitted to enjoy his new home, for his death occurred in October, 1830, the mother surviving him until September, 1854. In their family were seven children but five of the number are now deceased. These still living are Reuben and Mary, the latter the wife of Henry Nichols, of Battle Creek, Michigan.

Reuben Rickey was sixteen years of age at the time of the removal of the family from Ohio to Iowa. He had pursued his education in the common schools and after coming to this state he materially assisted his father in the development and improvement of the home farm. He continued on the old home place up to the time of his marriage, which was celebrated in 1854 Miss Lucy Ayers becoming his wife. She was born in Baltimore, Maryland, in 1831, and was a daughter of John and Rachael (Dunick) Ayers, who were also natives of Baltimore. The year 1851 witnessed their arrival in this county, where they remained until called to their final rest. Their family numbered seven children.

Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Rickey began their domestic life in this county and he has since been identified with its farming interests. He now owns one hundred and thirty-seven acres of land on section 33, Lime Creek township, and the place is lacking in none of the equipments and accessories of a model farm. For a long period he also engaged in raising and feeding stock and found that branch of his business very remunerative. He is now, however, living practically retired, renting his land that he might spend the evening of his days in the enjoyment of well earned rest.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Rickey has been blessed with seven children: Victoria, now the wife of William Haller, residing in Oklahoma; Jennie L., the wife of Henry Schultz of this county; Rachel Irena, the wife of Isaiah Oldfield, of this county; Allie, the wife of Samuel Oldfield, of the same county; Viola, the wife of Alva Knox; Benjamin F., who is married and lives in Washington county; and Laura A., deceased.

The family is widely and favorably known in this part of the state, the members of the household occupying an enviable position in the social circles in which they move. Mr. Rickey has always given his political allegiance to the democratic party and has filled all of the township offices, the duties of which he has discharged with promptness and fidelity, his course reflecting credit upon himself and his constituents. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity and his wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. In his life he exemplifies the beneficent spirit of the craft, which is based upon mutual helpfulness and brotherly kindness.

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### WILLIAM J. KUENEMAN.

William J. Kueneman, the editor and sole proprietor of *The Leader*, was born in Riverside, Washington county, Iowa, on the 2d of February, 1875, his parents being Joseph S. and Mary E. (Doll) Kueneman. The father's birth occurred in Alsace, Germany, in 1847, while the mother was born in Johnson county, Iowa, in 1849. Their marriage was celebrated in Johnson county. The father, who was a blacksmith by trade, passed away in Wyoming and subsequent to his demise Mrs. Kueneman conducted a millinery establishment at Riverside, Iowa, until the time of her death in 1896. She had become the mother of seven children, as follows: Odelia E., who is deceased; Nicholas E., a resident of St. Louis, Missouri; Isabel M., who makes her home in Chicago, Illinois; William J., of this review; Stanislaus, who has passed away; Hubert M., who served as a member of Company L, Fiftieth Iowa Infantry, in the Spanish-American war and died while in Jacksonville; and Della, the wife of Michael Beatty, of St. Louis, Missouri.

In pursuit of an education William J. Kueneman attended the district schools and left the parental roof at the age of fifteen years in order to learn the printer's trade. He worked for four years in Riverside and subsequently was employed as a printer by the *Republican* at Iowa City, continuing in that position for eight years. On the expiration of that period he returned to

Riverside and purchased a half interest in *The Leader*, while in the fall of the same year he bought out his partner and has since remained as the sole proprietor and editor of the journal. The paper has a large subscription list, as well as excellent advertising patronage, and is devoted to the dissemination of local and general news.

In February, 1896, Mr. Kueneman was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth A. Brum, whose birth occurred in Iowa City in 1874. The parents, Jacob and Anna Brum, who reared a family of three children, still reside in Iowa City. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Kueneman have also been born three children, namely: Dorothy M., whose natal day was September 17, 1897; Helbertina J., who was born May 10, 1899; and William N., who first opened his eyes to the light of day on the 2d of December, 1901.

Mr. Kueneman is an unfaltering advocate of republican principles and an active worker in the local ranks of the party, now serving as vice chairman of the county central committee in Iowa township. Fraternally he is identified with Victor Lodge, No. 516, A. F. & A. M., at Riverside, the chapter at Washington and the Modern Woodmen of America at Riverside. His wife is a communicant of the Catholic church at Riverside and both are held in high regard by all who know them.

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#### ISAAC PULVER.

The agricultural interests of Washington county find in Isaac Pulver a worthy representative. He was born in Dutch Creek township, this county, on the 21st of June, 1871, and is a son of William M. and Jane (Alexander) Pulver. The parents were natives of the state of Ohio and the father, a carpenter by trade, came to Iowa when a young man, settling in Dublin, Dutch Creek township, two or three years subsequent to the arrival of the Alexander family. Here he wooed and won Miss Jane Alexander, and after their marriage they resided in Dublin until 1865, where Mr. Pulver followed his trade. In 1865, however, they removed to a farm two and a half miles northwest of the town and here they made their home for thirty-five years, when, in 1900, they made their way to Keota, Iowa, and have resided in that place continuously to the present time, Mr. Pulver there engaging in the carpenter's trade. The parents are faithful members of the United Presbyterian church, while Mr. Pulver gives his political allegiance to the republican party.

Reared under the parental roof, Isaac Pulver attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education, and the vacation periods were devoted to the work of the home farm. He remained at home until twenty-four years of age, assisting in the operation of the home place and thus gaining the practical experience which enabled him to start out in business on his own account when, in 1895, he associated himself with his brother Samuel in agricultural pursuits. They first rented the Duncan Stewart farm of two hundred and forty acres, which they operated together for three years,



when Samuel Pulver purchased a farm of his own and Isaac Pulver continued alone for one year. The following year he farmed the Ezra Pool place and then rented the John Wright farm in Dutch Creek township, where he continued to reside for nine years. In the spring of 1909, desiring to have property of his own, he purchased the old Taylor farm of one hundred and sixty acres, on which he has continued to make his home to the present time. He is up-to-date in his methods and the entire place is surrounded by an atmosphere of progress and prosperity.

Mr. Pulver has been twice married. In 1896 he was wedded to Miss Bessie Lemley, who passed away in 1904. One child was born of this union, Vada Vaun. After the death of his first wife Mr. Pulver was again married in 1906, Miss Jennie Vincent becoming his wife. She is a daughter of G. G. Vincent of Seventy-Six township, and by her marriage became the mother of one child, Marie Cherry. Mr. and Mrs. Pulver are consistent members of the United Presbyterian church of Keota, and they are popular among a wide circle of friends. Mr. Pulver is a republican in politics, but the honors and emoluments of office have no attraction for him, as he prefers to concentrate his energies entirely upon his private business interests, which, capably managed, are proving a source of gratifying annual revenue to him.

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#### DANIEL W. MAUNHARDT.

Since inventive genius gave to the world the telephone there is perhaps no hamlet in all America and scarcely in all of the civilized world that does not have its telephone system. Its worth has been inestimable and as manager of the Washington Telephone Company, Daniel W. Maunhardt is known to the business circles of the city in which he makes his home. He employs a spirit of undaunted enterprise and progressiveness in promoting the interests of the company and in giving to the public a satisfactory service.

A native of Jefferson county, Iowa, he was born April 5, 1872, a son of Zachariah and Augusta (Gast) Maunhardt, both of whom were natives of Germany, the father having been born in Saxony, while the mother was born in Bremen. Zachariah Maunhardt was the son of John Maunhardt, who came to America about 1846 and settled in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. Pleased with the new world and the business opportunities here offered he sent for his family a few months later and subsequently removed to Burlington, Iowa. His last days, however, were passed in Jefferson county, Iowa, where he died when more than seventy years of age. He had served as a captain in the Napoleonic wars and during his residence in the new world was a loyal advocate of American interests. His wife died at the age of forty-five years. Their children were: Zachariah, Daniel, Anna and Rosa.

The maternal grandfather of Daniel W. Maunhardt was Frederick Gast, who came to America about 1848 and settled in New York. He was a millwright and a fine workman. Thinking to have better business oppor-

tunities in the middle west he came to Iowa about 1855, locating in Louisa county, where he passed away at an advanced age. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Amelia Stokes, also lived to a ripe old age. Their children were: Augusta, Herman and Henrietta, the first named becoming the wife of Zachariah Maunhardt.

In his youthful days the father of our subject learned the mason's trade, depending upon it for a source of livelihood and becoming a thorough workman in that line. In 1848 he crossed the Atlantic to the new world, settling first in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and about 1857 he removed westward to Burlington, Iowa. Later he lived in various places in this state, spending some time in Trenton but eventually, in 1870, took up his abode in Jefferson county, where he resided until 1890. He then removed to Muscatine, Iowa, where his death occurred August 13, 1905, when he was sixty-one years of age. His wife passed away September 2, 1900, on the fifty-seventh anniversary of her birth, her death resulting from an operation. Both were earnest Christian people, holding membership in the Lutheran church, and Mr. Maunhardt was active and influential in community affairs, while his fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, frequently called him to public office. In the family of this worthy couple were five sons and five daughters, of whom six are now living: Margaret, the wife of David D. Frye, of Muscatine, Iowa; Daniel W.; Etta, the wife of Samuel Loveless, of Muscatine; Herman, of the same place; Ida, the wife of William Hosier, a resident of Chicago; and Fred, of Muscatine.

Daniel W. Maunhardt spent much of his youth in Jefferson county upon the home farm, his time during that period being divided between the work of the schoolroom, the pleasures of the playground and the labors of the fields. He remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority, when he started out in life on his own account. Going to Muscatine, he there studied steam engineering and later electrical engineering, which he has continued to follow until the present time. He spent one year at Wapello, Iowa, where he rebuilt an electric light plant, which he then sold. In October, 1901, he came to Washington and entered the service of the Washington Illuminating Company, with which he was connected until the 1st of March, 1907, when he became superintendent for the Washington Telephone Company and on the 1st of April, 1908, was made manager of the company, in which he is a stockholder. In 1907-8 he rebuilt the entire telephone system, his training in engineering well qualifying him for this work.

On the 24th of November, 1904, Mr. Maunhardt was married to Miss Theresa M. Kurtz, a daughter of John Kurtz, who was a native of Germany. The birth of Mrs. Maunhardt occurred in Jefferson county, Iowa, and by her marriage she has become the mother of two sons: Paul John and Charles Daniel. The parents hold membership in the Catholic church and Mr. Maunhardt belongs to the Knights of Columbus and to the Ancient Order of United Workmen. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and, keeping well informed on the questions and issues of the day, he is able to support his position by intelligent argument. He has never

sought or desired office, however, giving undivided attention to his business affairs which, capably conducted, are proving highly satisfactory to the public in the nature of the service rendered and to the company in the substantial results which are achieved.

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### DAVID JAMES PATTERSON.

No state is richer in its agricultural resources than Iowa and with the development of farming interests in Washington county David James Patterson has been closely associated. At the present time he is living retired but still owns the old home property and also has landed interests elsewhere in Iowa, Colorado and Canada. He was born in Lawrence county, Pennsylvania, July 14, 1855. The Pattersons came of Scotch ancestry although the family was established in America at an early date. The grandfather, William Patterson, was a native of Pennsylvania and owned that section of the present city of Pittsburg formerly known as Grant's Hill. He made farming his life work and both he and his wife, Mrs. Sarah Patterson, lived to an old age. In his family were the following children: John, David, William, James, Margaret and Susan.

The maternal grandfather of David James Patterson was James Hutchison, a native of Ohio, who also carried on agricultural pursuits throughout his entire life. He married Miss Susan Watt and they lived to advanced years. Their family numbered ten children, Samuel, John W., James R., Elizabeth G., William, Jane, Susan, Joseph and twins, who died in infancy.

The parents of David J. Patterson were the Rev. James Patterson, D. D., and Jane (Hutchison) Patterson, the former born at Grant's Hill, now Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and the latter in Bellaire, Belmont county, Ohio. The father was reared on a farm and gave his early life to agricultural pursuits, but when twenty-one years of age was licensed to preach in the old Associate Presbyterian church and later in the United Presbyterian church. He first engaged in the work of the ministry in the southern states for two or three years and then located in Scroggsfield, Carroll county, Ohio, where he was pastor of that congregation for nineteen years. He was chosen the first president of Westminster College in Lawrence county, Pennsylvania, and remained at the head of that institution for fourteen years. On his removal westward to Washington, Iowa, in 1868, he organized a United Presbyterian congregation at Living Lake, Jackson township, and was pastor there until he died September 23, 1872, at the age of sixty years. His wife, long surviving him, passed away at Colorado Springs, Colorado, June 25, 1898, at the age of eighty-five years. She shared with him in his good work and their influence and labors were potent elements in promoting the cause of Christianity and in advancing the intellectual as well as the moral progress of the communities with which they were connected. In the family of the Rev. James and Mrs. Patterson were seven children, David James being the only son. The six daughters are: Victorine, living in Washington; Hen-

rietta, the widow of John Neel and a resident of Mansfield, Ohio; Susan, the widow of Rev. Samuel Taggart, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; Eliza, the widow of J. E. Lowrey, of Lincoln, Nebraska; Martha, the wife of R. J. Fleming, of Colorado Springs, Colorado; and Jeannette, the deceased wife of J. P. Stevenson.

David James Patterson was the sixth in order of birth in this family. He lived in Lawrence county, Pennsylvania, until twelve years of age and then accompanied his parents on their removal to Ohio, where he resided for a short time. The year 1868 witnessed his arrival in Washington county, Iowa, and he has since made his home within its borders. His early education was acquired in the public schools of New Wilmington, Pennsylvania, and after coming to this county he continued his studies in a district school in Jackson township and later in the Washington Academy. He was a youth of about seventeen years at the time of his father's death. He continued to live with his mother until after he had attained his majority and operated the home farm. When he had saved sufficient capital from his earnings he purchased the interest of the other heirs in the old home place and continued to carry on general agricultural pursuits there until February, 1896, when he removed to the city of Washington and has since lived retired. He still owns the old home place, however, having there a tract of eighty acres of rich and productive land which returns to him a substantial annual income. It is well improved and constitutes one of the fine farms in the locality. As he prospered in his undertaking Mr. Patterson added to his possessions from time to time until his landed interests now comprise properties in Iowa, Colorado and Canada. His and his wife's, she having received considerable land from her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Martin, possessions today aggregate eleven hundred acres and in addition they own a fine home in the city of Washington.

On the 26th of March, 1896, Mr. Patterson married Miss Dora Martin, a native of Washington, Iowa, and a daughter of Robert and Margaret (Black) Martin, who were natives of Ohio, the father coming to Washington in 1853 and the mother in 1855. Mr. Martin taught school for a few terms in this state and then turned his attention to the real-estate business here. He later removed to Jackson township, where he engaged in the nursery business for ten years and then raised fine stock. He had formerly been engaged in the dry-goods business in Ohio. On account of ill health he removed to Colorado Springs, Colorado, where his death occurred in the spring of 1892, when he was sixty-eight years of age. His wife passed away in Washington in 1900 when only sixty-seven years of age. They were devoted members of the United Presbyterian church and enjoyed the confidence and good will of all who knew them. Their family numbered seven children, four of whom reached years of maturity, the oldest dying unnamed. The others were: John and Jonathan, twins; Frank L.; Lenora; Dora; John H., who married Miss Cora Wright of Washington, Iowa, and died August 23, 1897. All are now deceased with the exception of Mrs. Patterson. In tracing back the ancestry it is found that she is of Irish lineage in the paternal line, her grandfather, John Martin, having been a



native of the Emerald isle. On coming to the United States he settled in Guernsey county, Ohio, where he followed farming. His life history covered about eighty-four years but his wife, who bore the maiden name of Jane McCartney, passed away when only forty-five years of age. Their family numbered eleven children: Henry; Robert; Mrs. Nancy Dawson; James; Jane; Margaret, the wife of Samuel Mehaffey; John; William; Martha, the wife of R. C. Parr; and two who died in infancy. The maternal grandfather of Mrs. Patterson was Jonathan Black, a native of Pennsylvania. The Blacks were of Scotch-Irish descent, having come to this country in 1765. Jonathan Black followed merchandising in early life and subsequently gave his attention to general agricultural pursuits. Many years ago he removed westward to Monmouth, Illinois, and subsequently became an early settler in Washington, Iowa. There his last days were spent in honorable retirement, his death occurring in 1880, when he was nearly eighty-seven years of age. He had served his country as a soldier in the war of 1812 and was always loyal and progressive in his citizenship. He married his cousin, Abigail Black, and they were the parents of twelve children: Dr. George Black; Mary Jane, who married Robert Gerlaw; Jonathan; Margaret, the mother of Mrs. Patterson; Sarah, the wife of Stephen Reasoner; William; and six who died before reaching mature years.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Patterson has been blessed with two sons: David M. and Robert J. The parents are members of the Second United Presbyterian church and their many substantial qualities have won for them the warm friendship and kindly regard of those with whom they have been brought in contact. In his political views Mr. Patterson is a republican and has served for four years as a member of the city council, exercising his official prerogative in support of many measures of public good. But whether in office or out of it he is always interested in the welfare and progress of his community and active in his support of the material, intellectual and moral development.

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### THE TRACY FAMILY.

Basil Tracy was born in Ohio, August 20, 1832, and came to Iowa with his parents about 1840. They settled in Brighton, and when grown he went into general merchandise, and has been in it ever since. On December 4, 1856, he married Martha Ann Fleak, daughter of Major L. B. Fleak. They have had seven children and five are living. Albert R. is the oldest, forty-nine years of age, and owns a dry-goods store in Red Oak, Iowa, and is interested in a gas company and farm lands. Henry Fleak is forty-seven years of age and is in business in Brighton. Bertram Clay is thirty-nine years old, associated with his father in Brighton. Mattie Ethel is thirty years of age, the wife of Harry Ditmars, and lives in Olympia, Washington.

Frank Basil was born in Brighton, October 18, 1866; went to school at the Brighton high school, Washington Academy and the State University of

Iowa, graduating from the latter in 1888. He worked a year on the Brighton News, bought a managing interest in the Herald at Morning Sun, and was there until January, 1891, when he sold his interest and leased the Daily Plain-Dealer at Fort Madison, Iowa. After one year there he became an editorial writer on the Omaha Bee in 1892. Later in the year he took up the field of general newspaper correspondence. In 1896 he leased the Weekly Republican in Langdon, North Dakota, and conducted it until March, 1897, when he accepted a position on the Boston Transcript, of which he is now editor of the magazine department. He has written short stories for McClure's and other magazines, and has written political articles for the Forum, The North American Review, Collier's, and other forensic publications. In 1905 he edited Colonel Denby's book on China. In 1908 appeared his Tercentenary History of Canada in three volumes, published by Collier's and the MacMillan Company. While living in Fort Madison he was married to Miss Wegia Hope Hall, of Meriden, Connecticut, at Galesburg, Illinois, May 18, 1891. They live in Winchester, Massachusetts. We consider that Frank has made abundantly good, having been a most industrious plodder and worker, and his Canadian History is the most ambitious piece of authorship in the history of the county. This little wreath of laurel we bind round the clear brow of Frank Tracy.

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#### ALFONZO Z. RAWSON.

Alfonzo Z. Rawson, capably serving as postmaster at Kalona, Iowa, was born in Morrow county, Ohio, on the 16th of November, 1844, his parents being Henry Patrick and Lavina (Stevens) Rawson, the former a native of Boston, Massachusetts, and the latter of New York state. He traces his ancestry back to Edward Rawson, who was born in Gillingham, Dorsetshire, England, April 16, 1615, and his wife was Rachel Fern a niece of Edmund Grindal, archbishop of Canterbury and premier of England under Queen Elizabeth. This couple came to America in 1626. Of their twelve children William Rawson was born May 21, 1651, and married Anne Glover, by whom he had twenty children. Their son Nathaniel Rawson was born December 3, 1689, and married Hannah Thompson. In their family was Nathaniel Rawson, Jr., who was born in Mendon, Massachusetts, in 1715 and married Rachel Daniels, of that place. To them were born thirteen children, of whom Grindal Rawson was born on January 1, 1762, and married Martha Groves. They became the parents of three children: Zabina, Rhoda and Grindale. Their son, Zabina Rawson, was born January 8, 1784, and married Elizabeth Watters, of Boston, Massachusetts, by whom he had eight children, namely: George, Elizabeth, Henry P., Martha, Zabina, Jared, Walters and William, who died in infancy. Their son, Henry P. Rawson, the father of our subject, was born October 31, 1813, and by his marriage to Lavina Stevens had five children, as follows: Oscar Z., Izora R., Alfonzo Z., Orizaba T. and Alba James.

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Alfonzo Z. Rawson obtained a good practical education in the common schools and remained under the parental roof until seventeen years of age, when, his patriotic spirit being aroused by the attempt of the south to overthrow the Union, he enlisted for service in the Civil war as a member of Company G, Forty-fourth Indiana Volunteer Infantry. He participated in many hotly contested engagements, including the battles of Stone River, Chickamauga and Lookout Mountain, as well as several skirmishes and, though often in the thickest of the fight, escaped harm. He was honorably discharged at Chattanooga, Tennessee, and returned home with a most creditable military record for one of his years. Subsequently he made his way to Tama county, Iowa, where he learned the wagon and carriage making trade, successfully following that occupation for thirty years. The year 1885 witnessed his arrival in Washington county, Iowa, and here he has since continued to make his home, being numbered among the most substantial, respected and public-spirited citizens of his community. He was appointed postmaster at Kalona under the administration of President McKinley and has since continued to fill the office to the entire satisfaction of all concerned.

In 1871 Mr. Rawson was united in marriage to Miss Melissa A. Welsh, whose birth occurred in Illinois in 1847, her parents being J. Burton and Amy (Sumner) Welsh, both of whom are now deceased. Mrs. Rawson was one of a family of ten children and by her marriage has become the mother of three children, namely: Erie A., an electrical engineer residing in Colorado; one who died in infancy; and Lena, who died at the age of nine months.

Politically Mr. Rawson is a staunch and unswerving republican and his fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have called him to various positions of public honor and trust. He has served as county supervisor for three years, has done effective work for the cause of education by fifteen years' service on the school board and has also been mayor of Kalona. For forty-one years he has been identified with the Odd Fellows lodge and he is now a member of Lodge No. 508, at Kalona, and maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades through his membership in the Grand Army post. Both he and his wife belong to the Baptist church and are well known and highly esteemed throughout this county, where they have now resided for almost a quarter of a century.

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#### WILLIAM N. HOOD.

William N. Hood, playfully called, "The Deacon," was one of our best printers. He was well educated in Marietta, Ohio, and learned his trade there, and worked at it in Columbus and Portsmouth till he came here in June, 1876, and finally landed in the Democrat, with Lobana Waters, in 1879. He married Ida Farnsworth and Winifred and Walter came to grace their home. Will stood well with all of our craftsmen, and his death under the wheels of a moving train he was trying to board, shocked everybody. He might have won fame in vaudeville. When the home talent presented in

our opera house "The Deestrick School," he approved himself a star as a stuttering urchin. He was perfectly killing, and shared the honors with Add. White, as a kid who had Jove's complaint, a proneness to "nod," that is, sleep, sprawled out on a bench and rolling off on the floor.

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### THOMAS M. SCHILLING.

Thomas M. Schilling, of the well known firm of Connor & Schilling grocers of Washington, has been a resident of this county for over half a century and has been prominently identified with its business interests. He was born in Cumberland, Maryland, on the 11th of August, 1856, and is a son of John Michael and Sarah A. (Twiggs) Schilling, the former a native of Bavaria, Germany, and the latter of Maryland. The paternal grandfather was also born in Germany and at an early date came to America, settling in Maryland, where he continued to make his home until his death, passing away at an advanced age.

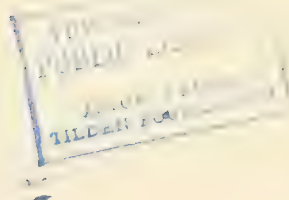
It was during the boyhood of John Michael Schilling that he accompanied his father on his removal to the new world, his mother having died during his infancy. They located in Cumberland, Maryland, where he grew to manhood and was afterward married. By trade he was a weaver, but for some time he was in charge of a gang of workmen in the railroad shops at Cumberland as a wheel tapper, putting on car wheels. In December, 1856, he came to Washington, Iowa, where he conducted a grocery store for many years, but subsequently bought a farm of one hundred and seventy-five acres in Franklin township and turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, following that occupation until the loss of eyesight compelled him to retire. He then returned to the city of Washington, where he made his home until called to his final rest at the age of eighty-two years. He was a member of the Lutheran church, while his wife, who still survives him, is a Methodist in religious belief. In the family of this worthy couple were eleven children, six daughters and five sons: John F.; Thomas M.; Norman; Minnie, the wife of George Scott, of Mahaska county, Iowa; Izimri; Stacy, the wife of Greenbury Coffin; Sadie; Gary; Lana, the wife of Sherman Crone, of Washington; Hannah; and Nora, who died at the age of four years.

Thomas M. Schilling was but four months old when brought by his parents to Washington, Iowa, and here he was reared and educated, attending the public schools. After the removal of the family to the farm in Washington township he labored with his father in his agricultural pursuits and remained under the parental roof until he attained his majority. He then went to Chariton, Iowa, where he conducted a restaurant for seven years, previous to which time he attended school at that place for three years. On disposing of his restaurant he returned to Washington county and rented a farm in Franklin township, which he operated for several years, but now makes his home in the city of Washington, carrying on business as a mem-





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ber of the firm of Connor & Schilling, dealers in general groceries. He is a good, reliable business man and has built up an excellent trade.

On the 16th of January, 1878, Mr. Schilling was united in marriage to Miss Emma Proctor, a daughter of Thomas and Myra (Kinzy) Proctor, and by this union three children were born: Mabel, the eldest, married Sylva S. Sullivan and they now reside in Chicago, where she conducts a millinery store at No. 2320 State street; Claude and Clyde, twins, died in infancy. The mother of these children passed away and Mr. Schilling subsequently married Miss Hattie S. Badger, a daughter of William Badger, and to them has been born a son, Palmer N., who is now attending Washington Academy. Mrs. Schilling is a native of Helena, Arkansas. Our subject and his wife are earnest and consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church and he is also connected with the Knights of Pythias, the Home Guards, the Modern Woodmen and the Yoemen. His political support is always given the men and measures of the democratic party.

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#### WILLIAM R. ROBISON.

William R. Robison, one of the well known and substantial farmers of the county, was born in English River township, Washington county, March 19, 1851, the son of John and Martha (Wiley) Robison. The father was a native of Indiana and the mother of Ohio but she went to the former state with her parents and there met and married her husband. In 1850, shortly after their union, the couple came to Iowa, locating in English River township, Washington county. Here they remained some twenty-three years, experiencing the hardships of the life in the country at that period and witnessing the dawn of the change and improvement that the future was to bring. In 1873 the family moved to Poweshiek county, where a year later the father was gathered to his ancestors. His wife survived him some thirty odd years—her death occurred July 2, 1907—which she passed at the homes of her several children. John Robison, with his wife, had been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and ever showed commendable interest in its work and adherents. In politics he gave his support and influence to the democratic party. The local Independent Order of Odd Fellows numbered him among their most esteemed members, and paid him all its lodge honors at the time of his burial.

William R. Robison acquired his first training for life at home and in the common schools. His early years were those of the average boy on a farm, which in essentials do not differ much today from what they were sixty years ago nor are they any less efficient in building up strong characters. He was only twenty years of age when on the 26th of November, 1871, he was united in wedlock to Miss Mary McKinley, of this township. Shortly after the marriage he began to cultivate his father-in-law's farm, to which he devoted his energies for nine or ten years. He left it to go to Cass county, and after remaining a year there went to Johnson county. But he was not

yet satisfied and, after a year's stay in the latter locality, he went to Iowa county, where he located for two years. From there he came to Lime Creek township, Washington county, which seemed more to his liking for the making of a home. At first he was only a renter, but his experience proved so pleasant that he purchased his present farm of sixty acres and has made it his hearthside ever since.

Mr. and Mrs. Robison became the parents of five children, four of whom survive: Irwin, of this township; Otis, of Des Moines, Iowa; Edwin, a barber at Riverside, this township; and James, also a resident of this township. His wife died in 1895, and nine years later Mr. Robison was married, March 9, 1904, to Miss Hattie McIntyre, of Lime Creek township. Of this second union no children have been born.

Like his father Mr. Robison has been a firm believer in the principles enunciated in the democratic platform and has been loyal in the support of the same. For years he has been a member of the Wellman lodge, No. 92, I. O. O. F., and on many an occasion has given evidence of his willingness to promote the enjoyment of the social gatherings or the deeper fraternal relations of mutual helpfulness. The Modern Brotherhood of America also include him on their roll-call. No better proof is needed of his active interest in the welfare of the little community among whom he lives than his twenty years of service as a member of the school board. His influence has ever been thrown on the side of progress and enlightenment, and his efforts in advancing the cause of education have been well appreciated by the people. Mr. Robison is a conservative man in so far as conservatism is united to a healthily progressive spirit. By sound methods, diligent work, and a careful oversight of details he has acquired not only more than a comfortable income but also a fair name and solid reputation in this and nearby counties.

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### THE BUNKER FAMILY.

Hon. David Bunker was born in Guilford county, North Carolina, October 23, 1810, though shortly afterward his family moved to Wayne county, Indiana, where he grew to manhood. On June 23, 1833, he was united in marriage to Miss Mariam Hunt, who was also born in Guilford county, North Carolina, and grew to womanhood there. The occasion of the Bunker family removing to Indiana in 1812 was the well-known Quaker exodus at that time. His folks settled, and David grew up under the shadow of the Friend's meeting-house at Richmond, Indiana. To be sure, his educational advantages were limited, consisting almost entirely of home culture. His mother taught him the languages and literature, his father mathematics. In this way he obtained a good, practical education; and the son, too, appreciated in full measure the help he had from his parents in this respect. While still a boy he was called upon to settle the business of a mercantile concern in the northern part of Indiana, and this seemed to open his eyes to the great



world and its opportunities. He made an extensive tour through the north-western states and finally settled in Dutch Creek. He shortly moved, however, to English River, and there made his permanent home, in July, 1839.

The next year he was chosen county commissioner, a position he held for two years; then he was elected to the territorial legislature. During the session he presented petitions from Washington and Crawfordsville, asking for the repeal of the "Black Laws." In this day and age, such an action would have been a very popular one, but at that time his action was a very serious one. It was born and bred in him that he should always use his influence and assistance for greater personal liberty. He served in the third and fourth general assemblies as a representative from Washington county, and was county commissioner in 1847 and 1848. The most important public position he ever held, however, was as a member of the constitutional convention of Iowa in 1856-57. He was a man of stern integrity, indomitable courage, indefatigable energy. He was very kind, genial and very affable. He was one of the great leaders of the pioneer period. Perhaps no man in the county had greater influence in its development and advancement than David Bunker. By his first marriage were born five children: Allison, Anna, Jesse, Martha and Abram. His wife died in July, 1845. In 1846 he was married to Mrs. Julia A. Smith, and by this marriage had four children: Mariam, David, Jr., Phebe A., and Mary E. By occupation, Mr. Bunker was a farmer and miller and was a great many years proprietor of the old Bunker mill.

Abram Bunker, the subject of this sketch, was born April 7, 1841, in English River. He comes of a celebrated family. Thomas Macey, the great-great-grandfather of Abram Bunker, was a well-to-do farmer at Old Salisbury, Massachusetts. But in 1650 he was arrested for an infraction of one of the Blue Laws, namely, "The harboring of a Quaker preacher," during a storm. He was convicted and sentenced to twenty lashes on the bare back. With his wife and children, however, he put off in a boat, so that the sentence of the court was never executed. He landed on Nantucket island and became its first white settler. The early Bunkers were sea-faring men. Captain Theophilis and others commanded whalers from old Nantucket. Reuben, one of Abram's ancestors, while harpooning a whale, had his thigh broken and floated for a long time on the sea, in imminent danger of drowning.

Abram had no schooling other than that afforded by the common schools of English River. As a boy he took great delight in fishing, boating and horseback riding. From ten to twenty horseback riding was most fascinating to him. No boy in the neighborhood knew better than he the mettle of his steed, and as an oarsman no one was more skillful in the use of a skiff. During the war of the Rebellion, he served in Company E, Tenth Iowa Infantry. After the war, he was elected sheriff, in 1867. He then removed from Richmond to the county seat, where he took up the duties of that important office. He held it eight years, served as deputy for six years, and also served as mayor of Washington one term. In 1886 he removed to Topeka, Kansas, where for the last ten years he has held the position of clerk in charge of Station C of the postoffice. He is a member of the G. A. R., having held the position of adjutant and commander of that order. He is a

Good Templar, and Master Workman of the A. O. U. W. He belongs to the society of the Spiritualists, called the Universal Brotherhood.

On May 12, 1864, he married Isabel Mapel, a daughter of J. S. Mapel and Mary Billingsly Smith Mapel, who are referred to in another portion of this work. To them were born five children, three of whom are now living: Mary A., now Mrs. Willard Q. Church; David Mapel; and Marian Ferne.

No man in the county has seen a longer continuous public service than Abe Bunker. For forty-one years he has held public office in some capacity or other. During that time in every official act he showed fidelity to the public trust that has merited a continuance in the service for a period that seldom falls to the lot of man. He lost an arm on a southern battlefield, and two of his brothers were cut down in early manhood in defense of their country.

To Washington county, the Bunkers, both father and son, have been the "Salt of the Earth." Washington county was very fortunate to have had among her citizenship these illustrious men.

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#### TOM J. ALLEN.

Tom J. Allen was a Hoosier and seventy-three years old. Since his eleventh birthday he made his own way in the world, mainly at the blacksmith forge, and for side issues served as assessor, justice of the peace, town clerk and trustee and county recorder. In 1851 he came in a wagon to Wassonville in Lime Creek, and learned all its lore. By predisposition he is an antiquarian, and between iron hammer strokes this Thor lived in a rummage world of his own. He married Marian Leighton and they had nine children. He was a quaint character, thoroughly individual, always in good spirits, and merry and wise.

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#### J. R. McKINNEY.

Washington county boasts one millionaire several times over. He is named above. He was reared in Crawfordsville and went to the war in Captain Russell's company in the Twenty-fifth Iowa. After that episode he went to Illinois and met his fate in an Ohio girl who proved to be pure gold all his subsequent life. He and his brother had made some forty thousand dollars in mines, but in an evil hour he invested his portion in Kansas land and kept growing poorer and poorer, lived in a dug-out, and finally he sold all for two teams of horses, and with a load of their household goods went to Colorado Springs, where one of their children died. He was so very poor, it seemed likely they must bury it in the potter's field, when his brother came to the rescue. He at length drifted to Cripple Creek and found a man who

would sell a likely mine for five thousand dollars. He had just fifty dollars to invest but he found ten men who had faith in him, and they gave him five hundred dollars each, and so he got a start, but when the hard times came on, he had a deuce of a time saving his property in a long litigation. But he finally won out and now lives simply in a fine home in Colorado Springs, is an active church worker, has not been a bit spoiled by success and is immensely esteemed by everybody. His splendid wife and seven children have all that hearts could wish, and he and they are ornaments to the world they live in.

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### DANIEL WILDE.

Daniel Wilde was born at Rochdale, Lancashire, England, November 18, 1834. His mother's father superintended two of the factories of Jacob Bright, father of Jacob and the famous statesman and orator, John Bright. These works were at Rakewood, near Rochdale, and as boy and girl, Daniel's mother and her brother knew John very well as a lively boy and youth; he was all life and for fun, and used to set his dogs on Mother Wilde's cats. Daniel's father, John, went to Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, in 1840, and his wife, Daniel and John H. Wilde followed the next year, but all returned to England in 1847. In 1850 the father came to Burlington, Iowa, and the family arrived there a year later. In 1853, they moved on to a farm nearby, but gave it up after two years' effort and returned to Burlington. The father and Daniel were carpenters by trade. They came here from Monmouth, Illinois, in 1863, and went to making agricultural implements, mostly invented and patented by Daniel, as: Eagle plow, riding and walking; "Wilde's Baby," a small plow with wheels; corn stalk cutter; sorghum cane mills and evaporators, associated with A. S. Folger, but after a few prosperous years, Germany so over-stocked us with sugar, crippling almost to death the sorghum industry and badly affecting even the cane and beet sugar business in Louisiana, the business was ruined; grain elevators and weighers. This last was transferred to Peoria, Illinois, and consolidated with the Hart weigher business, and its phenomenal success is largely due to the first-class business talent of Daniel's son, Walter B. Wilde. He went with the Harts in 1900. The whole Wilde family have solid investments in the Peoria plant and derive pleasing revenues therefrom. Daniel is still busy with inventions and expects soon to begin their manufacture. No more prolific brain than his throbs here.

He married Elizabeth Harvey, an English girl, near Burlington, March 10, 1861, and they had five children. Walter B., Mrs. Amy Work and Mrs. Mary Meek are living, and the old folks have to their credit nine grandchildren. They have of late years spent their winters in California and Galveston, Texas.

Daniel's parents were married in a green-vined church in England, built in the year 1111, and it is still in use, and Daniel was baptized in it. In its

low, square tower are the finest rural church chimes in all England. Six miles away, live English folk who speak a dialect that is "Dutch" to the Rochdale people. They are the finest bell-ringers in the world. Our Old Barnum picked up there his "Swiss" Bell-ringers. They kicked—"Ve be not Svizz," they protested, but Barnum, who must have a joke and a fake, said, "Oh, well, you keep on talking your lingo and Americans will think you are any old thing I say you are." So the Swiss Bell-ringers are British.

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### THE YOUNG FAMILY.

James Hervey Young was the son of James Young and Elizabeth Smith Young and was born in April, 1807, in Fleming county, Kentucky. He was married in September, 1830, to Margaret Morrison Henry, who was the daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Armstrong Henry. James Young's grandfather, Thomas Young, was a soldier in the Revolution, having enlisted from Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania.

To James Hervey Young and Margaret Morrison Henry Young were born seven children: Elizabeth J. Conger; Nancy A. Anderson; Mary S.; Robert S., who was a member of Company C, Eighth Iowa Infantry and was taken prisoner at Shiloh and died in Macon prison in 1862; James H.; Letitia H. Palmer; and Gilbert G. Only three survive: Mrs. Conger, Mrs. Palmer and James H. Young. The family came to Iowa and settled in Washington county, in July, 1849.

James H. Young, the surviving son of this estimable family was one of the pioneer bankers of Washington county, being one of the men who organized the Washington County Savings Bank and having served as its first cashier. He was educated in the public schools of Washington, Iowa, and later attended Washington College. He did not graduate, he left his books to join Company C, Nineteenth Iowa Infantry. He was studious, particularly strong in mathematics and the languages. After the war he engaged in farming for a few years and later went into the mercantile business. After serving as cashier of the Washington County Savings Bank for a number of years, he became president of the bank and acted in that capacity for several years more.

He was always a republican, quiet and non-combative in his politics, as in everything else. He was a member of the Second United Presbyterian church of Washington and was repeatedly a delegate to the general assembly, as well as to the presbytery and the synod. He was an elder in the church, and a member of the G. A. R. He was an independent man in his views and actions, unassuming, careful and absolutely honest. He was far-sighted in business and unqualifiedly successful.

He was married in November, 1867, to Nancy Elizabeth Laughead, the daughter of Rev. Isaac N. Laughead. They have no children. They resided in Washington until in 1902, when they removed to Pasadena, California, to enjoy the milder climate.



Mrs. Young was a member of the well known Laughead family. Her father was the son of David Laughead, and was born November 12, 1810, at Morris Creek, Greene county, Ohio. Her mother, Nancy Anderson, the daughter of David Anderson, was born in Indiana, January 26, 1812. Rev. Laughead came to Washington, Washington county, Iowa, in 1865, with his family, and they resided first in the Vanatta property, now known as the Beaman house.

Rev. Laughead spent about three years in Dog Wood Academy in Ohio, attended Franklin College, New Athens, Ohio, for eighteen months, and graduated in the fall of 1834, studied theology in Canonsburg, and was licensed by Miami presbytery, July 10, 1838. He was married on April 13, 1837, and the following children were born to him: William B., who died in the war of the Rebellion; Nancy Elizabeth Young; David A., who died in Ohio in the spring of 1863; James Harvey; and Leander. Mrs. Laughead died December 3, 1884, in her seventy-second year. She was a fine business woman. Rev. Laughead says in his history of "The Laughead Family," "Our success is mainly to be attributed to my wife's indomitable energy and prudent management." Rev. Laughead was for many years and from the time of its organization, vice president of the Washington National Bank and afterward became a director. He died July 22, 1894, his wife having preceded him ten years. The Laughead family has always been considered one of the best in the county; and no history of the county would be complete without a substantial mention of its members.

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### FRANCIS W. CUSHMAN.

On May 8, 1867, a son was born to Dr. and Mrs. Cushman, one of the pioneer doctors of the county, at Brighton, and he was named Francis W. He was educated in the public schools there, and at the Pleasant Plain Academy nearby. To earn the money with which to attend the academy he secured the position of "water-boy" on the railroad in the summer time, attending school in the winter. After the completion of his course, he worked for a time as a common laborer or "section hand" on the railroad. At the early age of sixteen, he moved to the then territory of Wyoming, where for five years he worked as a cowboy on a ranch, in a lumber camp, teaching school and studying law. When his law reading was completed he moved to Nebraska and began the practice of his profession, being admitted to both district and supreme court bars of that state. In 1891 he moved to Tacoma in Washington, where he has ever since resided and where he was engaged in the practice of law until his death, with the exception of the time he devoted to his duties as a representative in congress. He was elected to the fifty-sixth congress and each succeeding congress until his death in 1909.

Mr. Cushman was the humorist of the house. He made his reputation very shortly after entering congress. In his youth it is said he was different from the other boys and yet every one liked and delighted in his droll and

laughter-producing sayings and ways. He was an unusually popular and trusted public official. His actual achievements in congress were many and valuable. For a time both Tacoma and Seattle were in his district. When gold was discovered in Alaska his duties were very onerous, and he was called upon to do a prodigious amount of work for his constituents. During his terms of service he had no private life, all his time was taken by the public.

As a public speaker, he was in great demand all over the United States. He spoke repeatedly at the Gridiron Club dinners at Washington, and on April 27, 1909, he delivered the principal address before the Middlesex Club of Boston at their Grant night celebration. It is said to have been one of the wittiest he ever delivered. He was in great demand as a public speaker in the political campaigns, and at dinners and banquets everywhere, receiving hundreds of invitations which for want of time and his public duties he was obliged to decline.

He had a great fondness for Brighton and within a month before his death said, "Many times since I have been back as a man and as a visitor, but I suppose I can't really claim the little place as home any more, and yet I love every tree and every fence and even every clod in the road." He is the only regular representative in congress whom Washington county can call her own.

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#### H. A. LUITHLY.

H. A. Luithly devotes his time to farming on a well improved place of two hundred and three acres in Dutch Creek township. He was born on this place, October 13, 1866, a son of Lewis and Hannah (Augustine) Luithly. The former was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, and emigrated to the United States in the early '40s. Prior to coming to America he learned the tanner's trade. Believing that the far west offered good opportunity in his line of business, he made the overland journey to Oregon and there had an interest in a tannery. At the time of the gold excitement he made his way to California, there remaining six years, during which time he met with success. He eventually came east and located in Washington county, Iowa, purchasing a farm in Dutch Creek township, the place on which our subject now resides. He here engaged in farming up to the time of his death, which occurred April 7, 1874, and he also devoted a part of his time to his trade of tanning. In early life he gave his political allegiance to the democracy but voted for Abraham Lincoln and subsequently supported the men and measures of the republican party. He was studious, keeping well informed on the current events of the day. His wife, who as above stated, bore the maiden name of Hannah Augustine, was a native of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, whence she came to Iowa in her girlhood and was married in Dutch Creek township, where she is still living, making her home with our subject. By her marriage she became the mother of six children: John A., a retired farmer of Ames, Iowa; Tobias, a farmer of Clay township, Washington county; Dorothy, the wife of J. B. McCaleb, a farmer of



MR. AND MRS. H. A. LUTHLY





Dublin, Iowa; Willie and Edward, who died in youth; and H. A. of this review.

The last named spent the period of his boyhood and youth on the home farm and acquired his education in the common schools. Subsequent to his father's death, he assumed the management of the home farm, of which he is now the owner, the place comprising two hundred and three acres. It is improved with substantial farm buildings and the fields are in a fine state of cultivation, annually yielding good crops. Aside from his farming interests, Mr. Luithly is also interested in the bank at Rubio, now acting as its vice president and also as one of the directors.

Mr. Luithly was married February 16, 1909, to Miss Augusta Schloesser, whose parents were natives of Bavaria, Germany, where they were reared and married. Her father, Ludwig Schloesser, was born in Munich in 1824 and for twelve years was a soldier of the German army, not only serving his own time but also that of two other men as their substitutes. Coming to the United States in 1873, he located in Mahaska county, Iowa, where he later served as county recorder. He came to Washington, as clerk for the roadmaster of the Rock Island Railroad.

Mr. Luithly is a staunch supporter of the republican party. Having spent his entire life in Dutch Creek township, he is well known to the citizens of this section of Washington county and wherever known he is highly respected for his excellent traits of character.

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### MARCUS C. TERRY, M. D.

Dr. Marcus C. Terry, successfully engaged in the practice of medicine in Brighton as president of the Iowa Association of Health Officers, has in other relations outside of a professional capacity proven his worth as a man and citizen. He has been closely associated with business affairs in Brighton as a banker and as president of the Brighton Telephone Company, and his fellow citizens, recognizing his worth and ability, have called him to serve as their chief executive officer. Dr. Terry is numbered among the native sons of Washington county, his birth having occurred within its borders on the 13th of May, 1845. His parents were James L. L. and Sarah J. Terry. His father, a dealer in harness and leather in this county, was a Kentuckian by birth—a typical southerner, well informed and a close observer. His private character and public record remained untarnished to the day of his death, which occurred in Washington, Iowa, in 1894. He was a man of very definite opinions, politically, religiously and morally, and never swerved in support of his honest convictions.

Dr. Terry, whose name introduces this review, was educated in the public schools and in Washington College, where he acquired his more specifically literary training, while his professional education was obtained at Rush Medical College in Chicago. Having early chosen medicine as his life work the nature of his studies as far as practicable were always along that line.

He entered upon the active practice of medicine at Grandview, Louisa county, Iowa, in 1868 and a year later removed to Conesville, Muscatine county, where he remained in active practice until locating in Brighton, Washington county, in 1879. Here he has remained continuously since and his ability in the line of his profession has long been attested in the liberal patronage extended him. He is now the president of the Iowa Association of Health Officers and a member of the Iowa State Medical Society, of its House of Delegates, the Eastern Iowa Medical Association, the American Medical Association, the Iowa Association of Railway Surgeons, and the National Association of Railway Surgeons. For a number of years he was local surgeon for the Burlington & Western Railroad Company and also for **the Burlington & Northwestern Railway**. Throughout all the intervening years between his advent as a practitioner and the present he has kept in close touch with the advance of the medical fraternity, adopting for his own professional requirements such measures and views as his judgment has sanctioned as of value in the treatment of disease. He has been examiner for a number of life insurance companies and has been identified with various substantial interests in Brighton, his labors constituting a potent force in the business development and progress of the town. He was influential in the organization of the National Bank of Brighton, of which he was chosen president, and when later this was converted into the Savings Bank of Brighton he also became president of the latter. He is likewise the president of the Brighton Telephone Company, an incorporated company capitalized for twenty-five thousand dollars, and is financially and officially interested in other organizations.

On the 13th of May, 1868, in Brighton,, Iowa, Dr. Terry was united in marriage to Miss Charlotte M. Israel, a daughter of Reuben Israel, a merchant and highly respected citizen of this place. Unto them have been born three children: Dr. M. C. Terry, of San Francisco, California, who married Anne Burrell, daughter of Howard A. Burrell, of Washington, Iowa; Glenn I., of Des Moines, Iowa, who wedded Miss Edith Boynton, of that city; and Grace M., who died at the age of ten years.

Dr. Terry and his family have ever occupied an enviable position in the social circles of Brighton and he also fills a high place in public regard, as is indicated in the civic honors which have been conferred upon him. He was elected and served as a member of the city council and later was chosen to the office of mayor, in which position he gave a public-spirited and progressive administration, characterized by a needed and substantial reform and progress. He has been a republican in politics since casting his first vote for Abraham Lincoln and has represented the party on various occasions as a delegate to the county and state conventions. He is a Free Mason of high degree, belonging to Richland Lodge, No. 38, A. F. & A. M.; to the council of Washington; to Cyrus Chapter, No. 13, R. A. M.; to Bethlehem Commandery, No. 45, K. T.; and to Kaaba Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Davenport. His religious faith is embodied in the words: "Walk humbly with thy God, do justly and love mercy, is the whole duty of man." He believes that whoever lives according to that admonition anywhere in the wide world will be accepted of the Father. He was reared under the influence of the Chris-

tion church, to which a pious father and mother gave allegiance throughout their lives. His own worth of character has gained him the unqualified regard of his fellow citizens and has bound him to many strong ties of affection.

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### B. P. MOOMEY.

B. P. Moomey is a photographer of Wellman whose ability is winning him merited and growing success. He does artistic work, is familiar with the latest processes and the excellence which he manifests in his art is bringing to him a constantly increasing patronage. Iowa numbers him among her native sons, his birth having occurred in Johnson county, July 14, 1876. His parents were Leroy and Cora (Frye) Moomey, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Johnson county, Iowa. When a babe of eleven months the father was taken by his parents to Homestead, Iowa, where he was reared. Having attained his majority, he wedded Cora Frye of Johnson county, and they occupy the farm which Mr. Moomey purchased in early manhood and to the development and improvement of which he has since devoted his energies. In their family were two children, B. P. and W. C. B., the latter at home.

The subject of this review supplemented his early education by pursuing a commercial course at Iowa City. He then took up the study of pharmacy and afterward was employed in a drug store at Centerville, Iowa, for fourteen months. On the expiration of that period he came to Wellman, where he worked in a drug store for eight months. He afterward went to Iowa City, where he took up the study of photography, in which he was interested and in which he has since displayed considerable skill and ability. In May, 1899, he purchased the studio at Wellman and has since been located here in the conduct of a constantly growing business. His gallery is well equipped with all the modern processes and accessories and the work which he does is of a most pleasing and attractive character.

On the 5th of June, 1901, Mr. Moomey was married to Miss Austia M. Brown, who was born in Wellman and is a daughter of C. E. and Patience (Sitler) Brown, natives of Ohio and Vermont respectively. Mrs. Moomey was the elder of two children and has one sister, Jessie. Her parents are still living in the village of Wellman, where they have now long resided, being ever recognized as worthy residents of the community. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Moomey has been blessed with one son, Ire La Monte, who was born June 21, 1902.

Mr. Moomey gives stalwart allegiance to the republican party, believing its principles contain the best elements of good government but is not an office seeker. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias Lodge, No. 51, in which he has filled office for eight years; is a charter member of Modern Woodmen Camp, No. 1828, in which he has been clerk for seven years, and is a member of the Masonic lodge at Wellman. His wife is a member of



the Methodist Episcopal church and they occupy an enviable position in social circles, having many warm friends who esteem them highly for their genuine personal worth.

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### ABRAHAM AND ELIZABETH BAILEY.

The Bailey family comes of Revolutionary stock. Abraham Bailey's father served in the Revolutionary war. Abraham was born in Pennsylvania, Penn's Woods, in 1808. He was one of five sons. His father died when he was but an infant. When a young man, he moved to Fayette county, Ohio, and there in 1829 was married to Elizabeth Kirkpatrick. She was born in 1815. In 1841 they moved to English River township, Washington county, Iowa, where Mr. Bailey entered two hundred acres of land from the government, adjoining the town of Richmond on the north and west. This farm was improved with a log house and he began at once to clear away the timber. During the next thirteen years he did much toward making a farm and putting it in a good state of cultivation. He is said to have been a man of strong character, exemplary habits and indefatigable industry. He died August 14, 1854, and his remains are interred in the old Richmond cemetery. After his death his widow continued to live on the home farm and keep the family together, educating them as well as the school facilities of the time permitted. Of her seven sons, five enlisted in the Union army, the two youngest not being old enough for the service.

They had twelve children. The eldest, John, died at the age of twenty-two, the year before his father's death. The second child was a daughter, named Sarah, who married James O. Todd and is still living in English River. She has one child Margaret, married to I. N. Arnold. Their third child was a daughter, named Hannah, who married John Brown; they had five children, of whom three, Charles, Alice and Ida, survive. She died in 1908. The fourth child was also a daughter; her name was Mary and she married Simeon Work. They have five children living: James, Dee, Elizabeth, Eva and Rue. Mrs. Work lives in English River. The fifth child, Elijah Bailey, was born August 28, 1840, and has lived continuously in English River from his father's arrival there until this date. He was a member of the Thirtieth Iowa Infantry. Frances was the sixth child. She married McDemus Gilbert and lived at Lebanon, Kansas, until her death in 1906. James Bailey, born January 17, 1843, served in the Tenth and Thirtieth Iowa Infantry. He was married to Margaret Marsh, and they have two children living, Marsh W. and Ida M. Wesley Bailey was born April 19th, 1845, and was married to Martha Cox, daughter of Joseph L. Cox, the old Richmond postmaster. He served in the Seventh Iowa. He resides at Seattle, where he has for several years served as assessor of the county. He has two children living, Charles and Lucy. The ninth child was Ezra, who served in the Sixty-sixth Illinois Infantry and died in the service at Kingston, Georgia. He lies buried in the National cemetery at Marietta,



Georgia. William Bailey enlisted when a mere boy in the Tenth Iowa Infantry. He had the misfortune to escape the shot and shell of the battles of the war to be killed in a runaway in Richmond in 1865. Benjamin F. Bailey was born January 12, 1852, and married Anna E. Shipley of Manhattan, Kansas, where they have since resided. They have two children, Charles William and Effie. The youngest child was Samuel, who married Margaret Rosa Rogers and they have four children, Aaron, May, Ada and Winnie.

While her sons were in the army, Elizabeth Bailey moved into Richmond, where she continued to reside until her death in 1866. In the fall of 1843, when her son James was about nine months old, she returned to Ohio, her former home, on horseback, carrying her baby with her. She was a typical pioneer mother of the period. She clothed her family from the flax they raised and wool from the sheep on the farm. She kept her eleven children together, managed the farm and brought them all to womanhood and manhood in a way that was very creditable to any family.

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### THE THOMAS FAMILY.

Joseph Thomas was born in West Virginia on June 3, 1790. Margaret McDonald was also born in West Virginia and the date of her birth was October 3, 1800. They were married at the ancestral home in April, 1823. In 1854 they came to Iowa and purchased a farm three-quarters of a mile east of Pilot Grove in English River, Washington county, and here they lived the remainder of their lives. The good wife died January 7, 1858, and her husband survived her until January 22, 1866. Joseph Thomas and his wife were of that class of pioneers who laid the foundation, strong and deep, for a civilization in Washington county which has not been surpassed in any other community in the United States.

Unto Joseph and Margaret Thomas were born six children: Moses McDonald, William A., Samuel H., Hiram Washington, Sophia and Julia. Hiram entered the ministry at an early age and was one of the pioneer pastors of the Methodist church at Washington. He held a number of pastorates in southeastern Iowa and northern Illinois. He has written a number of books on the theological subjects and books of his sermons have been very widely circulated. Later he moved to Chicago and is perhaps the most eminent divine of that city and one of the best known in the entire world.

Moses McDonald Thomas was born in West Virginia, March 29, 1825. He and his brother William came to Iowa in 1850 and settled in Washington county. In 1854, when his father and family came from the east, they built the house that now stands on the old Thomas homestead at Pittsburg. On August 4, 1859, he was united in marriage to Mary A. Britton, who had been born in Johnson county, Iowa, February 22, 1837. When his father died he purchased the interest of the other heirs and continued to own and occupy the old home until his death with the exception from 1871 to 1878, when the family lived in Washington, occupying the house which had been

the first place of worship of the first United Presbyterian church. They had five children: Ellen B., Clara J., Maggie E., Emma M. and Charles W. Clara J. died in 1866. Maggie E. was married to Dee Work, and they now reside in De Funiak Springs, Florida. Emma M. is a trained nurse, living at Iowa Falls, Iowa, and Charles W. is the editor of the Citronelle Call, Citronelle, Alabama. Mrs. Thomas died March 22, 1874, and her husband lived until August, 1906, having rounded out a career of usefulness to the community in which he lived that falls to the lot of few to fill.

Mr. Thomas was unusually fond of outdoor life in the country and was very well informed upon all subjects touching country life. Besides, he was a great reader and an independent thinker, a trait that is characteristic of the entire Thomas family. Although a member of the Methodist Episcopal church he was very liberal in his religious views and had abundant Christian charity for every one.

He had the reputation of being one of the most honest men in the county. It is related that one of his neighbors who had lived beside him for a generation was about to remove to Washington. Mr. Thomas went to see him just as they were moving away and asked whether he was indebted to him for anything. When asked why, he replied, that they had had so many transactions that he feared he might have forgotten something and might be still owing for it.

Mr. Thomas was a republican in politics, though he never held public office. It is within the truth to say, that no man has lived the long span of his life in Washington county and left it with a higher regard of all of his fellowmen.

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#### CYRUS BUSH.

Cyrus Bush was as hard-headed as a granite boulder and his head was packed full of common sense and sound judgment. He was born in Ohio, February 18, 1818, married Mary Miller, September 20, 1842, and had five children; married Mary Watters, September 22, 1850, and nine children were born to them. On September 6, 1853, the family started for Iowa, got a farm of four hundred and seventy-one acres, and he farmed and kept store at Richmond. He served a few terms on board of supervisors. Everywhere and always a sensible, honest man.

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#### REV. JOHN O'LOUGHLIN.

Rev. John O'Loughlin became a Hoosier, April 2, 1821, and in March, 1839, went on his claim on English River, which he had made when with a surveying party the year before. In 1844 he found out what ailed him. Cupid had set at work in his system a lively germ and he married at Pilot

Grove, near Pilotburg, Dicey Farley. They had eight children. He was converted when twenty-three years old and soon began to preach, much of it missionary preaching. His songs—I think composed by himself—were a feature at old settler annual meetings.

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### CAPTAIN J. F. BLICKENSDERFER.

Captain J. F. Blickensderfer was a noted man in Dutch Creek, settling there after the war. He was a Hawkeye, dating from July 11, 1835. In his youth he taught school. He was captain of Company A, One Hundred and Sixty-first Ohio, and at Winchester with Sheridan was under fire thirty-six hours and got five balls through his clothes, three of them through his hat. It was a very well ventilated suit. That regiment was discharged in 1864, and he commanded Company C of the One Hundred and Eighty-ninth Ohio, March 4, 1865. Coming to a farm here, he raised Percheron horses and Poland China hogs. In religion he was a Moravian, and a Mason and republican. He was thrice married and had nine children.

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### DR. W. F. RODMAN.

Dr. W. F. Rodman was born in Pennsylvania, March 20, 1817, and when a year old went with his parents to Ohio, and at the age of twelve matriculated at Kenyon College, graduated in medicine in Cincinnati, in 1838, and practiced in Ohio till he came here in 1856. In 1839 he had married Edith Cadwallader, a sister of an old bachelor that all affectionately called "Old Cad," in business, in society, and at the dances that he graced in expansive white low cut vest and ample shining shirt bosom. Everson was tickled all his days telling how he, for fun, once criticised Cad's steps when he said with great dignity, "I am dancing this set myself, be——." The Doctor had three sons, but only George survives. The old Doctor was a very quaint man, liked by all, skillful in his profession, and at his funeral his fellow Doctors acted as pallbearers. The family life was ideal.

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### ROBERT W. McELROY.

Robert W. McElroy was notable as having, as an elective constable, more lives than a back yard full of cats. For twenty-seven years he served, and no one could beat him, because the most of the people never wanted him beaten. Then he was our first city marshal, acting seven years; was coroner four years; and while Sheriff Hawthorne was in the army, McElroy was sheriff, ex officio. Besides, he was Tyler of the blue lodge many, many

years, and helped organize Washington Lodge, No. 26, A. F. & A. M., and was its first senior warden and its second worshipful master. At the start there were but seven Masons in this county, but church opposition made the order breed like rabbits. At first he was a tailor by trade and sat cross legged in the courthouse with shoemaker J. C. Conger, but Mac was no Turk. On August 2, 1887, he and his good wife, who was a mother in Israel, celebrated their golden wedding, and were sort o' gold-plated and gold-washed by their friends. His wife was Matilda Reed, and they had seven children. He was also a patriarch of the first division of the Sons of Temperance.

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### HENRY MORGAN.

At the time of his death, which occurred May 5, 1904, Henry Morgan was one of the oldest residents of Washington county, not only in the years which his life record covered, but also in the years of his connection with this part of the state. He came here in pioneer times and for an extended period was closely associated with agricultural interests and with the work of general progress and improvement. During the evening of his life he was not only regarded as one of the most venerable but also as one of the most highly respected citizens of his locality. He was born on a farm in Tennessee on the 9th of April, 1818, and in 1832, when a youth of fourteen years, he accompanied his parents on their removal to Indiana, where many evidences of frontier life were still to be seen. There he was reared and educated, attending the common schools of that state and in 1846, when twenty-eight years of age, he came to Iowa, thinking to have better business opportunities in this later settled but rapidly growing state.

In the meantime, however, a most important even in his life had occurred—his marriage on the 13th of May, 1840, to Miss Dicey H. Barnett, who was born in Ohio on the 13th of January, 1823, and when but two years old was taken by her parents to Huntsville, Indiana. Mr. Morgan was a member of the Quaker church until the time of his marriage but his wife was not identified with that sect and for marrying outside of the church he was expelled from that communion. He withdrew gracefully, however, and for sixty-five years he and the lady for whom he had sacrificed his church connections but not his Christianity, shared together the joys and sorrows of life.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Morgan resided for six years in Indiana, where he was employed most of the time in a flourmill. As a young man he was very strong, often carrying a three hundred pound sack of wheat to the second floor of the mill. He was also active and influential in community affairs and in 1845, the year before the removal to Iowa, he was a candidate for state senator on the abolition ticket but at that time the party was weak and he therefore failed of election. The following year, packing all of his goods that he could into a spring wagon driven by two horses, he and his wife started for Iowa. When near Indianapolis one of the horses







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died and as Mr. Morgan was not able to buy another he was obliged to remain in that locality until he could earn money enough to make the purchase. After many difficulties he reached his destination and settled a half mile south of Richland, where he lived for two years and then purchased the farm on which his remaining days were passed. In 1848 he paid two hundred dollars for the first forty acres and later bought the unimproved forty acres for fifty dollars. On the farm he built a log cabin with an old-fashioned sod chimney, his wife cutting and handling the sod as he worked. They suffered all the privations incident to those pioneer days and shared in all of the hardships of frontier life. Mrs. Morgan, with a spinning-wheel, loom and reel, made all of the clothes for the whole family and, being a natural hunter and trapper, Mr. Morgan furnished plenty of wild meat from the timber.

Upon the farm which he there developed he and his wife lived for almost sixty years and reared a family of nine children: William H., who was born in 1842 and became a soldier of Company I of the Eighteenth Iowa Infantry, commanded by Captain Blanchard, and died in Jefferson City during the Civil war; Isaac Newton, who was born in 1844; Hezekiah Thomas, in 1847; Emily Jane, in 1849; Mary Louisa, in 1852; Harriet Evangeline, in 1855; Albert James, in 1858; Oliver Perry, in 1861; and William Henry, in 1866. Of these Emily Jane and Oliver Perry are both now deceased.

The death of the husband and father occurred May 5, 1904, when he was eighty-seven years of age. He has been a most honored and respected citizen of this part of the state. He was justice of the peace in Clay township for many years and before the war he maintained one of the stations on the famous underground railway, making trips in the night to convey to the home of Uncle Johnny Kilgore the negroes whom he had himself sheltered. He had as many as ten colored people living on his farm at one time. When the republican party was formed to prevent the further extension of slavery, he joined its ranks and continued to support it throughout his remaining days. During his later years his son Albert and his wife lived with the aged parents on the old home place, doing everything in their power to make their last days comfortable and happy. The family has for sixty years been represented in this county, being one of the oldest here and also one of the prominent families of this part of the state because of the active and helpful interest they have taken in public affairs.

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### JOEL R. CRUMPACKER.

Joel R. Crumpacker saw the light in Virginia, July 6, 1825, went to Texas in 1848, located in Eldora, Iowa, was elected county surveyor and dealt in real estate, and married Catherine Bennett. In 1856 they moved to Illinois, and in 1863 came to this county and bought a quarter section. His orchards were for years the common talk of admirers. His greatest feat was organizing The Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company, of which he was president

twelve years. He had two children, Charles B. and Mrs. Mary Eystone. His wife was so desperately injured in a runaway in our fair that she died twenty days later.

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### ROBERT W. GRIFFITH.

Robert W. Griffith, a native of Delaware, came to Clay township in 1848, his birth date being September 22, 1804. His Quaker ancestors came from England with William Penn in 1680. In youth he was as strong as Samson, hired out on a farm at eight dollars a month for a year, the next year struck for nine dollars, and the third and fourth years got ten dollars. He saved nearly all his wages and felt justified in marrying, December 27, 1832, Eleanor Long. In 1834 he bought and improved a wilderness two hundred acre farm in Ohio, and stayed till 1846. To his original two hundred acre farm in Clay he added up to two thousand and twenty acres. Thirteen children came to him, and as each left home, he gave, in all nine hundred acres. The log cabin gave way to a fine two story house, and for years his barn was a wonder, its capacity thirty-six horses, one hundred cattle, two hundred tons of hay, costing five thousand dollars. Near by is a famous spring, whose water is furnished by pressure for both house and barn. He was a capital farmer, and his emphatic and picturesque language and epigrams amused the community.

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### LENOX DAYTON.

This name was a familiar one in this county for many years. Born in Maryland, November 12, 1812, at the age of twelve years he became the support of the fatherless family. He married in 1835 Annie Coleman, who bore him six children. They came here in 1840 and entered three hundred and twenty acres in Cedar township, Indians thick all round them. He belonged to the New Light church and wife to the Baptist. His two sons, Thomas and Patrick, figured in the history of the county.

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### JOHN S. MAPEL.

Millers were to the fore in the pioneer days. John S. Mapel was born in Pennsylvania, August 22, 1810, the son of a Methodist minister who preached over fifty years and raised fourteen children. The father dispensed the bread of life, but John was content just to make flour to turn into the staff of life. After milling there several years he came spying out here in 1845, paid six dollars per acre for one hundred and twenty acres, and the next

year brought the family to lodge in a log cabin so low that John could not stand upright in it. Indians and wolves were all round, but a fort just west of Wassonville protected them. He acquired in all four hundred acres and lived on the farm eighteen years. He ran the Hewett mill, dating from 1842, and it is still doing good work. He had married Mary Smith, June 4, 1834, and they had six children. He brought the first reaper into this county. He was a Mason over forty-six years. He and his wife celebrated their golden wedding in 1884, and a gold headed cane was his reward for staying married fifty years.

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#### DR. O. H. PRIZER.

Dr. O. H. Prizer was a notable citizen of Brighton, born in Pennsylvania, January 16, 1814. Locating in this county in 1844, he fumbled wrists, looked at tongues and gave pills and powders many years. June 27, 1843, he married Eliza Griffith and they had nine children. He was a stalwart republican, and in 1854 ran for the legislature, but was beaten by three or four votes. In 1862-3 he was county supervisor, then postmaster in Brighton four years and was always interested in education. Few men were more useful than he. His bearing was military and his aspect somewhat stern, but under the crust rills of humanity ran merrily all the years.

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#### JOHN STEWART.

John Stewart, of Jackson township, was born on the Catawba Indian reservation in South Carolina, July 2, 1809, and was one of thirteen children, but he was not the unlucky one, for he was a money maker. He wedded Matilda McCullough in 1824. She had been born at sea. They had ten children, all hustlers and not one a quitter, only one of whom was born in this county after their settlement in 1857. In 1865 he married Emma Ferguson and she bore eight children. In the south Mr. Stewart was naturally a democrat and voted for General Jackson, but up here his political views changed to republican. He was a first class citizen.

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#### CAPTAIN SIDNEY E. WOODFORD.

He is a large figure in Brighton, coming there from Ohio in 1850. On March 14, 1854, he married one of the bright girls of Squire Anson Moore, a very superior family. He went to the war as captain of Company K, Thirteenth Iowa Infantry. A sunstroke at Corinth, Mississippi, compelled his resignation. He was a strong member of the board of supervisors and

superintended the building of the county infirmary. He belongs to the Congregational church, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Grand Army of the Republic. The county has no better citizen than Captain Woodford.

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#### HIRAM WALLINGFORD.

He came to this county from Kentucky in 1849 and served one term as sheriff, and during the war in Company I, Eighteenth Iowa Infantry. He owned eighty acres in Jackson township. He came there from Kentucky in 1849. He died at the age of sixty-nine years in the Presbyterian faith. He regretted to say he "Wasted the best part of his life," but when converted he strove to honor and serve his Master. His six children are all living.

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#### CAPTAIN SAMUEL A. RUSSELL.

He was born in Baltimore, November 21, 1816, his father a rich merchant, dying in the cholera epidemic in 1833. Three years later Samuel moved to Ohio, attending college at New Athens and studying law in the office of Dewey and Stanton, the latter destined to be Lincoln's secretary of war. He married Mary Ann Crawford, and Crawfordsville was named in honor of her father, the Doctor. Samuel came here in 1850, went to the legislature in 1853 and was an elector-at-large on the Fremont-Dayton ticket in 1856. In 1862 he was elected Captain of Company I, Twenty-fifth Iowa Infantry, but bad eyesight prompted his resignation within a year. He went again to the legislature and in 1872 was elector on the Grant-Wilson ticket. He was a remarkable stump speaker and a great wit. Had he not been handicapped by semi-blindness, and had he been endowed with ambition, that last infirmity of noble winds, and had had vim, gumption and initiative, he would have made a signal mark in the world. As it is, he is in local fame the greatest wit and humorist that ever lived in this county, and the memory of this odd, quaint character will last longer than that of any other man.

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#### JOHN BRYSON.

John Bryson was another cabinetmaker, apprenticed at ten years of age. He one of thirteen children, but he wasn't the unlucky one. He set his stakes to become a millionaire, or "milliner," as he called it, and I guess he won out. He had strings of lumberyards that looked on the map like links of sausage. He came here in 1856 with fifteen hundred dollars' capital, and



lost seven hundred dollars the first year, but when his magic thumb got into action, he made money fast. He built the Colensor Hotel, then called the Bryson House, and all thought it fine. It took the place of the old Washington House, which had been previously called the Eichelberger House, and was run by the father of Frank Eichelberger, who became a notorious Iowa editor, and his brother, who was a prominent judge. Finally Mr. Bryson moved to Los Angeles, and if he had had his nerve with him and gone into real estate, he could have died, in 1907, a "milliner" fiftyfold.

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### J. L. L. TERRY.

He was a man of mark in the early days. A giant in form, big-brained, full of fun and ginger, he attracted attention as surveyor, as justice of the peace, as harness maker and as an all around good citizen. His grandfather Stephen was a Revolutionary soldier. Our man was a Virginian, born in 1790, but came here by the way of Kentucky and Illinois in 1837, with General Ewing's surveying party, and their stunts were townships 74 and 75, north of range 1 to 7 west, a part of which is comprised in Washington county. He also got sight of Miss Sarah J. Mount and married her in Washington, Illinois, in 1839 and came to this county in 1844. The office of justice of the peace haunted him all his life. His cabin in English River was sixteen feet square, just one room in it, and no bric-a-brac. He sold his claim and moved to Washington to give his sons, J. H., Dr. M. C., of Brighton, Josie (Mrs. Dr. McConnaughey), William M., a schooling chance. J. H. Terry was killed in battle. The Squire helped organize the first division of the Sons of Temperance in this county and assisted in the first grand lodge of Good Templars in the state, joined the Masons in 1851, was master at Richmond four years and went to the Royal Arch degree. He was a very merry man, yet he would "take no sass" from any man, being a muscular Christian and belonging to the Church Militant.

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### JOHN GRAHAM.

He was born in 1801 in Pennsylvania. In 1838 he came to the land sales in Burlington, and the next year he bought of Holcomb in Brighton township four hundred acres, and kept on buying to the limit of fifteen thousand acres, and selling off to the minimum of two thousand acres. He was a wool grower in Pennsylvania, and was a horseback shuttle, shooting from Pennsylvania to Iowa and back, and on those journeys he struck a friend's bed and board every night, and said grace at supper and breakfast, and the Amen was swiftly chased with the command, "Pass the biscuits," or "Pass the slapjacks." He was a very eccentric man and amusing. He achieved a wife in 1874, at the age of sixty-eight. He was a humorous man, florid-

faced and handsome, and his "winnin' ways," as Jim Lemley used to remark in his own case, as the fetchey factor in winning the ladies, scored a great triumph. His bride, Belle Davis, was a beauty, and the old man was buoyant and kept getting more airy as his boys John, William Henry and Sammy Hodgins were born. The family is now extinct. Papa and Sammy were killed by a train. John was in such a hurry to cross the track, he got all eternity to regret it in. He was a generous giver to church, academy, opera house, and our two opera houses were named for him.

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#### Dr. ABRAM N. MILLER.

He was a quaint man, in thought, speculation, belief and dress. He was a Virginian, coming here in 1847. By trade a cabinetmaker, like Keck and A. H. Wallace, but he drifted into medical practice, via the hydropathic and magnetic routes. His head was packed full of ideas. He was a Spiritualist. He was thirty when he married Mrs. Weltner, by whom he had four children. He liked the homely, simple old times, and always talked well at the Old Settler annual meetings. He could not write poetry like Father Drake, or sing like Rev. John O'Loughlin, but he was entertaining. Withal he had lots of humor, and his friend Henry Clay Dean tickled him all to pieces. Miller affected white vests and ample shirt fronts well laundered, and when Dean's quaint wit and humor started the Doctor's diaphragm, he looked like a massive penguin as pictured in the old geographies, sitting on the edge of a cliff in white breast plumage. Dr. Burrughs could also caricature the good Doctor to the life.

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#### JAMES HENRY YOUNG.

James Henry Young, ex-president of The Washington County Savings Bank, was born May 9, 1841, in Fleming county, Kentucky. His father, James Harvey Young, and his mother, Margaret Morrison (Henry) Young, were also natives of the state of Kentucky. They came with their family of six children to Washington county, Iowa, in 1849 where the father died in 1851, the mother surviving until 1884. James Harvey Young was a man of considerable ability with such common school education as the times afforded, and with moderate means in a financial way. He brought with him from Kentucky a number of land warrants, which he laid with good judgment on land in Washington county, among others the north half of section 22, Franklin township, one hundred and sixty acres of which remained in the family and was owned and improved by the subject of this sketch until the year 1878. James Harvey Young was an elder in the Associate Reformed (now United Presbyterian) church, both the father and mother and all the children who lived to maturity being members of the same church.

James Henry Young was eight years of age when he came to this county, and here he continued to reside for fifty-three years until 1902, when with his wife he removed to Pasadena, California, which is their present home. He was educated in the public schools in Washington, supplemented by a partial course in Washington College, where he attained the junior year. His early life was spent on a farm adjoining Washington on the northwest, a part of which he laid off in lots and sold and is now known as M. M. Young's first and second additions and J. H. Young's addition to the city of Washington.

His education was interrupted by the outbreak of the Civil war, when he left college and enlisted as a private in Company C, Nineteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry and served until the close of the war, being mustered out of the service July 10, 1865, at Mobile, Alabama. He was finally paid off and discharged August 1, 1865, at Davenport, Iowa, and returned to his home on the farm in Washington county.

On the 21st of November, 1867, Mr. Young was united in marriage with Lizzie N. Laughead, a native of Indiana and only daughter of the Rev. I. N. Laughead. He remained on the farm for a few years and then engaged in the coal, wood and grain business, in which he continued until the year 1876, when he organized the Washington County Savings Bank, in which he acted as cashier and president until his removal in 1902 to California.

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### JOHN DAVIDSON.

He came in 1847 with a dollar, but first and last he chased the Almighty Dollar so swindly, he accumulated two thousand acres, became rich, loaned money, and kept all his multifarious affairs in his head. The remarkable thing about him was that he did not acquire even an elementary education, he was so ambitious in other ways. He could not read or write, it is said, and kept no accounts, having no secretary or clerk, but his memory had a grip like a steel bear trap, and he had a pigeon-hole in his brain for every business detail. The lines of his face and head were fine and noble. He quite strongly resembled old John Brown. An excellent man, he married in 1838 and gave to the census ten children.

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### J. F. R. LEONARD.

This Oregon township citizen is the only man, I believe, unless it be Editor C. C. Heacock, of the Brighton Enterprise, who was ever nominated for the presidency of the United States. He was born in 1832, helped make Bloody Kansas free Kansas, serving under General Jim Lane, and was chummy with John Brown and sons. He taught school there and was county superintendent of schools in Chase county, Kansas. He served in

the ninety-third Illinois Infantry, came to this county after the war, and in 1870 married Margaret A. Sands and they have five children. His monument is his farm that he coined out of the raw. He is a Mason, a student, and a good all around man.

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### E. NICOLA.

A history of Washington county would be incomplete without mention of E. Nicola who, although now living retired in Riverside, was for a number of years closely identified with various business interests in the county. Born in Preston county, West Virginia, on the 15th of February, 1840, he is a son of Jacob and Sarah (Cress) Nicola. The parents were both natives of West Virginia, where they were reared and married, coming to Washington county, Iowa, in 1855. They purchased land in Cedar township, upon which they resided until their demise, the mother passing away in 1871, while the father survived until 1875. In their family were eleven children, namely: John C., residing in Minnesota; Katharine, the widow of Otir James, making her home at Delta, Iowa; Henry, a minister residing in Battle Creek, Michigan; Zelmon, of Nebraska; Marsellus, making his home in Louisa county, Iowa; E. Nicola, of this review; Lucinda, deceased; Collin, residing in Washington, Iowa; Amaziah, deceased; B. W., of Norfolk, Nebraska; and one who died in infancy.

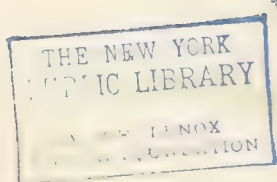
E. Nicola, reared upon his father's farm, was early trained to the duties of the fields and in the common schools acquired a limited education. He remained with his father, giving him the benefit of his services, until he had attained majority, when he purchased four yoke of oxen and was engaged in breaking prairie land for the period of a year. He then rented a farm for six years, after which he purchased eighty acres of the old homestead farm in Cedar township, which he operated for two years. Selling this property he came to Riverside and for a number of years was closely identified with the business interests of this city. Here he erected a store building, in which he conducted a mercantile business until 1895. He also built, in 1874, the house in which he now resides. He was associated with the creamery business for some time and also engaged in the poultry business for several years, but has now lived retired since 1904, enjoying in well earned rest the fruits of his former toil. Throughout the intervening years he became indetified with real estate interests and is in possession of extensive realty holdings, being the owner of a brick store building and the opera house in Kalona, a fine residence and seven lots in Riverside, also three hundred and eighty-four and a half acres of land in Highland and Iowa townships and three hundred and twenty acres in South Dakota.

In 1861 Mr. Nicola was united in marriage to Miss Susan Smith, a native of West Virginia, who came to this county with her parents in 1857 and was one of ten children born to Christian and Charlotta Smith. The father died in Keokuk county, Iowa, in 1892, while the mother passed away





MR. AND MRS. E. NICOLA



in 1907, at the ripe old age of eighty-seven years. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Nicola have been born four children, namely: John H., who was born July 20, 1863, and died July 4, 1882; Jacob C., residing in Williamsburg, Iowa; Clara A., the widow of James E. Matthew, of Cedar Rapids, this state; and Walter E., making his home in Iowa township, this county. They are also the grandparents of four children.

For several terms Mr. Nicola served on the school board, the cause of education finding in him a stalwart champion, while in politics he is a democrat, on which ticket he was elected trustee. Public-spirited and loyal in his citizenship, the people recognizing his ability and true worth of character, honored him with election to the office of mayor of Riverside. While serving in the capacity of the city's chief executive, he bent his energies to the performance of his official duties with thoroughness and fearlessness, winning for himself the approval and endorsement of his fellowmen. He has gained many staunch friends during his residence in this city and his record is a remarkable one inasmuch as the success which he has attained in business affairs and the prominent position which he has occupied in this community, are attributable entirely to his own efforts and labors.

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#### DR. A. H. VAN SICKLE.

One of the merriest old fellows was Dr. Abijah Hubbell Van Sickle, father to Nial, Anthony, James Eli and Dr. Bije R. He had more laughs in him than there are seeds in a melon. He practiced botanic medicine twenty years in this county after 1856. He could laugh and chuckle and pun faster than his son Anthony, but the latter could talk the faster. No shorthand man could have kept up with that lingual race-horse. It was a picnic to talk with the Doctor, he was so original, witty and happy-go-lucky.

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#### JOHN C. DONALDSON.

John C. Donaldson, who is now acting as collector of the port of Presidio, Texas, is well known in Washington county where he formerly resided. His life record, if written in detail, would furnish a most interesting story because of the good that he has done to the world, and yet he takes no credit to himself for his charitable and benevolent acts. There are many, however, who have reason to remember him gratefully and there are few men who have more genuine friends than Mr. Donaldson.

A native of Scroggsfield, Carroll county, Ohio, he is a son of John Anderson and Mary Ann (Kean) Donaldson. His father was a cabinetmaker and carpenter by trade but also followed the occupation of farming. His ancestry was of strictly Scotch Covenanter stock, religious to a fault. His grandfather, John A. Donaldson, was an Associate Reformed Presbyterian

minister of the very strictest kind. He lived to be ninety-six years of age, when he met an accidental death. His wife was a sister of the Bullions whose Latin and Greek grammars have caused so many headaches to the youth of the country. His son, John Anderson Donaldson, was also very strict in his religious ideas and conduct and was a constant Bible reader. He married Mary Ann Kean, whose people were Irish Presbyterians. Her father, John Kean, was a good Ohio farmer who died in the prime of life, while his wife lived to be almost one hundred years old. Their daughter, Mrs. Donaldson, was largely self-educated but a deep thinker and reasoner, with an excellent memory. She was able to argue on almost any topic with the best educated she could meet and disinterested art critics are immediately impressed with the intellect and reasoning powers displayed in her portrait.

Captain John Donaldson acquired his early education in the free schools of Washington county, Iowa, and also attended the academy taught by Professors S. E. McKee, Wilson and French. His school days took him through fields of ice, snow and prairie flowers, a distance of two miles without an intervening house. His military experience of four and a half months at the age of fourteen was mostly in the hospital--Gayoso House at Memphis, Tennessee. But the fact that he enlisted at that early age is indicative of a spirit of loyalty which has been one of his strong characteristics throughout his entire life. He began teaching when but sixteen years of age in old log cabins in Iowa and he was also a teacher in Kansas and in Texas when to be identified with free schools was considered a disgrace. As he was an only child and had no nearby playmates he early took up books as his companions and throughout his entire life has been a wide and intelligent reader. After teaching for a time in the schools of Iowa he attended the Kansas State University a couple of terms but was never graduated. He has always been a lover and a student of botany and geology, also of history, and law, nor is he superficially informed concerning leading political questions which have agitated the country. Through force of circumstances, too, he has gained a somewhat comprehensive knowledge of the Spanish language and this has proven of far greater value to him than his Latin or Greek. For many years he was deeply interested in numismatics and yet possesses a fine collection of old coins.

The family residence was maintained in and around Washington, Iowa, from 1851 until 1869, when the parents decided it was necessary to remove further south on account of the mother's health. Therefore in the winter of 1869 and 1870 they arrived at Lawrence, Kansas, and it was while there that John Donaldson entered the State University. He stood at the head of his class in mathematics, Greek and physiology and was an active member of the literary society. In 1870 he went to Texas and there engaged in teaching that he might earn money to finish his education. But to a man of Mr. Donaldson's caliber education continues through life and he has always been a student and broad reader. He arrived in Denison, Texas, when it was only a city of tents and as he humorously expressed it, he reached Sherman with five cents in his pocket and forty dollars in debt, since which time he has paid the latter and spent the former. After teaching for a year he



engaged in the book and news business and in 1875 he went to the City of Mexico where he taught in the Methodist Missionary Orphanage. In 1876 he became connected with the Veracruz State College at Cordova, where he remained until the Diaz revolution induced him to again change his headquarters and he returned to Sherman, Texas, where he again established a book and news business, and also conducted a store in Denison and Gainesville.

Captain Donaldson was for a brief time a soldier of the Civil war, enlisting in Company B, Forty-fifth Iowa Infantry, on the 4th of May, 1864. He has had a somewhat notable political record because of his active service in behalf of the party and his continuance in office through presidential appointment. In the '80s he was chairman of the county executive committee, chairman of the senatorial executive committee, chairman of four congressional executive committees and a member of the state executive committee. He has not missed attending a state republican convention when in the United States since the '70s. He was appointed postmaster of Sherman, Texas, on the 5th of May, 1881, and was reappointed by President Arthur and served under President Cleveland until February 28, 1886. He served under President Harrison as special agent of census from 1889 until 1890 and was court crier of the United States federal court for the eastern district of Texas from 1892 until 1895. At Denison, Texas, in 1896 he was nominated for congress by the republican convention for the fifth congressional district. In 1898 he was sent to Havana, Cuba, to assist in establishing a military postal service and the following year was made postmaster of Guanajay, Cuba, a city of seventy-five inhabitants and sixteen hundred American soldiers. In November, 1900, while in the office of the treasury of the island of Cuba, auditing the Cuban business of the North American Trust Company, he became ill with yellow fever and took his degree as immune in Las Animas hospital. After his recovery he was made assistant store keeper of the United States signal corps, and in six months gained four promotions, serving as property officer of the United States signal corps until the Army of Intervention took its departure from Cuba, being the first and only civilian who ever held the position. The Cuban government requested him to remain in office for two months longer and in July, 1902, he returned to the United States. The position as special agent of census was again offered him and he remained in that position until he was made deputy collector and inspector of United States customs on the Rio Grande in 1904. He was covered under civil service the same year and is now performing his duties at Presidio, Texas, where the Orient Railroad expects to cross into Mexico and where it intends to build a world renowned city of El Oro.

All of this is but a brief outline of what Mr. Donaldson has done. He expresses a strong characteristic of his nature in the words, "My love for flowers and children has ever been as a consuming fire." His love for children has indeed been one of the most beautiful phases of his active life. While in Cuba he assisted Miss Jennie Edwards in establishing an orphanage for little girls, purchasing property at Mariel where Miss Edwards still remains faithful to her trust, Captain Donaldson remaining the financial support of this

institution. The Marfa (Texas) New Era, in speaking of a visit of Captain Donaldson to that city, said: "The Captain is still looking for more children to feed. He has probably the most numerous family of any man in Presidio county. In Cuba he maintains a little orphanage where from twenty to thirty children are cared for and given instruction by the matron in charge. At Presidio he has two little girls, daughters of Frank Chapman, the mounted inspector who was assassinated at Lajitas a few years ago. Those little girls he is educating at the public school there and aside from these he has others who are dependent upon his charity." Captain Donaldson has a beautiful home in Sherman, Texas, consisting of thirty acres within the city limits, and is also opening up a fruit and alfalfa farm on the Rio Grande. Judged by some of the usually accepted statements of the world, he may not be said to have won success in that he has not accumulated a vast fortune, for while he has made considerable money he has not saved with a frugal hand. The reason for this is found in his generous charity. Some one has said: "Not the good that comes to us but the good that comes to the world through us is the measure of our success," and judged by that standard Captain Donaldson has been a most successful man. There is probably no one who comes as near being a Mason that is not actually affiliated with the order. In the '70s he stood high in Odd Fellowship and the encampment, enjoying state honors. He joined the Grand Army of the Republic in Washington, Iowa, about 1867 or 1868 and has been a member of McPherson Post, No. 1, at Sherman, Texas, since August, 1872. He has repeatedly held each of the local offices in the post besides that of assistant adjutant general of the Department of Texas, senior vice commander of the Department of the Gulf in 1884 and has frequently served on the staff of the state commander and national commander-in-chief. He has never missed a meeting of his post when within reasonable distance of it and has attended many of the state encampments and has been placed in nomination for department commander several times but has always withdrawn in favor of a long service man. His religious views are so latitudinous as to include all the good he finds in any creed and yet he is bound by none. He probably leans more to the Unitarian and Salvation Army than any other religious organization. Spending much of his life far distant from any organized church, being often a hundred miles away, he has formulated his own religious views which are expressed in his attempt to do right to his fellowmen to the best of his ability and to extend a helping hand and the mantle of charity to all who may need or err.

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#### DAVID HARRIS ARMSTRONG.

David Harris Armstrong, deceased, was a well known and highly respected citizen of Washington county, where his memory is yet enshrined in the hearts of many who knew him. He was born January 2, 1820, in Mt. Eaton, Wayne county, Ohio, and throughout his entire life his substantial qualities of character and his allegiance to the principles which he believed to

be right, gained for him the confidence and good will of those with whom he was associated. He was educated in the common schools of Allegheny, Pennsylvania, and having arrived at years of maturity was there married on the 4th of May, 1843, to Miss Letitia Bolen Melville, who was born in Allegheny, Pennsylvania, July 11, 1824. In the year of their marriage they removed to Washington county, Pennsylvania, and while there residing two of their children, James Melville and Rowland Harris, were born. In 1846 they returned with their little family to Allegheny, and there two other sons, Charles Logan and Samuel McDowell, were added to the family. In 1851 they went to Louisville, Kentucky, and John Donnel and Clara Eva were added to the household there. The year 1856 witnessed their arrival in Washington county, Iowa, and here the family circle was increased with the birth of Jeanne Logan, Frank Clifford, Willie Dale and David Harris. The father was a plasterer by trade and for many years carried on business as a contractor in that line, thus providing a comfortable living for his family, to whom he was deeply attached, regarding no personal effort or sacrifice on his part too great if it would promote the happiness or enhance the welfare of his wife and children.

At the time of the Civil war, however, Mr. Armstrong put aside all business and personal considerations to espouse the cause of his country, enlisting as a member of Company K, Thirteenth Regiment of Iowa Volunteer Infantry, on the 22d of August, 1862, to serve for three years. He was made postmaster of the Seventeenth Army Corps and was on detached service most of the time under General McPherson. He remained at the front until the close of hostilities, being honorably discharged on the 2d of June, 1865, at Washington, D. C. He afterward maintained pleasant relations with the boys in the belonging to the Grand Army Post at Washington. In politics he was a republican, always loyal to the party and its principles, and he served for two terms as justice of the peace in Washington county in the early '70s. In his religious faith he was a Presbyterian and was prominent in church work. His entire life was guided by the teachings of the church and was in consistent harmony with his professions.

It will be interesting in this connection to note something more of the family of Mr. Armstrong who, as previously stated, was married on the 4th of May, 1843, in Allegheny City, Pennsylvania, to Letitia Bolen Melville by the Rev. John Steel. Mrs. Armstrong at that time had several relatives living in Washington, Iowa, including Thomas D. Melville, Mrs. Dr. George Black and Mrs. William Wilson, Jr. Samuel Melville died on his way to Washington from Allegheny, Pennsylvania. He was the husband of Mrs. Agnes Melville, who still lives in this city. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong were born the following named: James Melville Armstrong, born April 25, 1844, was married June 11, 1873, to Lida B. Murphy, by Dr. J. E. Rankin, in Washington, D. C. They have one child, May, and now reside in Spokane, Washington, where James M. Armstrong is well known as a capitalist. Rowland Harris, born March 11, 1846, is married and resides at San Marcial, New Mexico, where as a member of the firm of Armstrong Brothers he is engaged in general merchandising and stock raising. Charles Logan was

born November 2, 1847. Samuel McDowell, born October 1, 1849, is a photographer of Chicago, Illinois. He was married December 10, 1873, to Alice Yearick by the Rev. T. D. Wallace, in Washington, Iowa. John Donnel, born August 16, 1852, was married January 9, 1879, by the Rev. Earl Cranston in Denver, Colorado, to Cora M. Calvert, and they have two children, Charles D. and Kate M. The family reside at Denver, Colorado, where John D. Armstrong is a capitalist. Clara Eva, born January 1, 1855, became the wife of John Shields, of Washington, February 13, 1873. They were married in Brighton by the Rev. Vincent and Mrs. Shields died June 28, 1889, leaving five children, Milan, Letitia, Edith, Melville and Henry. Jeanne Logan born March 10, 1857, was married May 1, 1878, in Washington, by the Rev. T. D. Wallace to A. H. McKee and with their two children, Carrie and Cincel, they reside at Spokane, Washington, where Mr. McKee is associated in business with James M. Armstrong. Frank Clifford, the next member of the family, born March 16, 1859, is a member of the firm of Armstrong Brothers, of San Marcial, New Mexico. Willie Dale, born May 18, 1861, is living in San Marcial. David Harris, born March 30, 1866, was married October 30, 1894, at San Marcial, New Mexico, by the Rev. J. W. Virgin, to Alma Nilsen. They are still living at San Marcial with their two children, Frank W. and Alma. Two sons of this family served as soldiers of the Civil war, James M. being a member of Company K, Thirteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, while Rowland H. belonged to Company B of the Forty-fifth Iowa Infantry. The mother of this family of sons and daughters passed away May 4, 1872, and was laid to rest in the cemetery at Washington. The father, D. H. Armstrong, Sr., passed away at San Marcial, New Mexico, December 8, 1895, and his remains were brought back to Washington for interment, the burial services being conducted under the auspices of the Grand Army of the Republic.

#### F. M. LATTA.

Francis Marion Latta was born near Chillicothe, Ross county, Ohio, February 24, 1831, and was the youngest son of James and Isabelle (Nichols) Latta. In 1840 he accompanied his parents on their removal to Louisa county, Iowa, the family home being established in Concord township during the pioneer epoch of its history. His early life was spent on the home farm looking after the interests of his parents until he was thirty-five years of age. On the 14th of March, 1865, he married Miss Sarah M. Cowles, a daughter of Oliver and Hannah (Olmsted) Cowles, of Monroe, Jasper county, Iowa. Mrs. Latta was born August 6, 1839, in New York and was a teacher in the Iowa schools at a very early day, being thus connected with the Indianola Seminary which was established in 1860 under the auspices of the Methodist Episcopal conference. Rev. Fleming was on the board of trustees and through his influence Mrs. Latta's sister, Huldah C. Cowles, was the first teacher of the primary department and Professor Grey was the



principal. But at the opening of the war he resigned and went to the front as an officer in the army, being succeeded in the school by Professor E. H. Winans, a graduate from Mount Pleasant. In the spring of 1862 Mrs. Latta took her sister's place as teacher in the first primary department and also as teacher of vocal music and penmanship. It was in war times and money was scarce, so that they could not have special instructors for each branch as they do at the present day. The seminary was obliged to close after that year for want of funds, and the teachers being overworked and poorly remunerated, Mrs. Latta did not receive her salary for her last term until five years after. In the meantime the school had been opened again as the Simpson Centenary College, named in honor of the man who gave it the endowment. Following her experience as a teacher in the Indianola Seminary, Sarah M. Cowles gave her hand in marriage to Francis M. Latta in March, 1865, their first home being in Louisa county, Iowa. During the earlier period of Mr. Latta's residence in that county he had engaged largely in stock raising, and the fertile prairie of the then sparsely settled Washington county proved to be a profitable item as grazing land for cattle. In this manner he became acquainted with the country and following his father's death in 1864, when it became necessary in the settling up of the estate to make a new home for himself, he removed in the spring of 1866 to Dutch Creek township, Washington county, and purchased the well known A. T. Groendycke farm which remained his home until his death. During these years his energies were devoted to farming and stock raising. In politics he was always an uncompromising republican, believing firmly in the principles of the party, but he took little part in active work along political lines. Although the township was strongly democratic he was chosen for two terms as township trustee. He was converted and united with the Franklin Congregational church and was very prominent in its work, always being an active, influential member. His death occurred at his home in Dutch Creek township March 19, 1887, and his remains were interred in the New Haven cemetery in that township. His death and the settling up of his estate caused the breaking up of the home ties on the farm that had been the family home for twenty-one years, and Mrs. Latta now makes her home in Muscatine, Iowa. In their family were five children, Karle Cowles, William F., Edgar L., Kate M. and Rose L., four of whom are still living.

Karle C. Latta was born in Louisa county December 12, 1865, and spent his boyhood years in Washington county. He attended the common schools and spent one year at the Washington Academy, after which he remained on the farm until his father's death. After the breaking up of the home he spent two years in Washington county and then located in Greene county, where he purchased a drug store. He learned the business in the store and became a registered pharmacist in September, 1892, and has since been more or less connected with this line of activity. In 1905 he established and became the publisher of the Paton Portrait, a weekly eight-page paper, located at Paton, Greene county, Iowa. The paper has a good circulation and increasing patronage and is recognized as one of the influential papers of the county. Having always been interested in the political affairs of his country

and, like his father, a firm believer in the principles of the republican party, he has always taken an active part in political affairs of Greene county, serving for the past twelve years as a member of the county central committee, while he has also been active in town affairs, serving as clerk, treasurer, a member of the council and as a member of the school board. Upon the recommendation of Congressman J. P. Conner, whose personal friendship he enjoys, he was appointed postmaster and assumed the duties of that office January 1, 1909. Fraternally Mr. Latta is a member of the Masonic Order and a strong advocate of the principles of that order. On the 6th of October, 1891, at Columbus Junction, Iowa, Mr. Latta was married to Miss Rowena E. Overholt, a daughter of Dr. and Mrs. D. W. Overholt, both of whom died in 1906. To this union was born one child, Isabelle S., who graduated from the high school of her home town in the spring of 1909. In all life's relations, whether in his varied business interests, his official duties or in social circles, he has been the same honorable and upright gentleman who tries to do unto others as he desires to be done by, and enjoys the uniform respect of his community and county.

William F. Latta, the second brother, has remained single and makes his home with his mother at Muscatine, Iowa, where his business interests keep him well employed.

Edgar L. Latta died at Ada, Pontotoc county, Oklahoma, November 13, 1902. After leaving the farm in Washington county he attended a school of telegraphy and entered the railway service, serving at various stations in the capacity of agent and operator, including the Chicago & Great Western in Iowa and the Missouri Pacific in both Missouri and Kansas. On June 19, 1899, he was united in marriage to Mabel J. Smith at Eureka, Kansas, and after his marriage he located at Ada, where he was one of the original settlers. He assisted in laying out the town and made several successful real estate investments the fruits of which he was not, however, permitted to enjoy, as sickness and death soon overtook him. As a remembrance of his short life in their midst he left to the town the "Latta Block," a fine corner building.

Kate M. Latta is the wife of S. M. Overholt whose home is at Columbus Junction, Iowa.

Rose I. Latta, the wife of R. Von Dresky, is a resident of Muscatine, Iowa.

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### THE KECK FAMILY.

The great-grandfather of Irving A. Keck, the subject of this sketch, was a native of Bavaria and migrated to Lehigh county, Pennsylvania, in 1737. His son, Andrew, removed to Juniata county and died near Monticello, Indiana, in 1850. His wife was also a native of Pennsylvania and of German ancestry. Her maiden name was Rebecca Rottruck. Their son, Joseph, the pioneer banker of Washington county, was born in Huntingdon county,

Pennsylvania, November 29, 1819. He was seven years of age when his parents moved to Juniata county. There he attended the common schools, which were taught by teachers who boarded around with the families of the pupils whom he taught, during the winter months. In this way he obtained the rudiments of an education. At the age of nineteen, he removed to Delaware county, Ohio, and was apprenticed to a cabinetmaker for two years, receiving for his services twenty dollars for the first year and thirty dollars for the second. After learning the trade, he continued the work of cabinet-making for twelve years and became very proficient. He was considered one of the best mechanics of his time.

In 1842, he located in the city of Washington, Washington county, Iowa, where for a short time he worked at his trade as a journeyman, after which he opened a shop and continued the business for a period of eight years. From childhood, it had been his ambition to own a farm and in 1849 he acquired an unimproved farm adjoining the city, a part of which he afterward platted as the western addition to the city on April 11, 1856.

He seems to have sold considerable portions of this addition and was in easy circumstances when the panic of 1857 came. In 1859 he became the owner of a block of stock in a branch of the State Bank, then being organized in Washington. Subsequently he was elected a director and within two years president, a position which he held until 1864. In 1863 the bank was reorganized as the First National Bank and with the exception of a year or two, Mr. Keck was president of that institution until his death in 1901. In 1871 he organized the First National Bank of Sigourney, of which he became president and of which his son, Irving A. Keck, became cashier, which positions they respectively held until 1886, when the son retired from the banking business.

On March 1, 1844, he was married to Elizabeth Jackson, and five children were born to them: Irving Alonzo, Mary Caroline (Simmons), Viola Isadore (Phelps), Lucella Celia (Crandall) and Charles H., all living with the exception of Mrs. Crandall, who died shortly after the death of her father. Mrs. Keck having died in February, 1879, Mr. Keck was united in marriage on July 20, 1882, to Fannie Hale and after her death he married Minnie R. Rausch, of Ankeny, who has recently died. By this marriage there was born one child, Kathryn.

Mr. Keck was a man of mild, unassuming and agreeable personality; a man of good common sense. He was certainly one of the greatest financiers the county has produced. He had remarkable foresight and his investments and business transactions were almost without exception, profitable. At his death he had a very comfortable fortune. In all business affairs, he was a man of superior judgment whose advice was often asked and generously given in matters affecting the business interests of the community. In politics he was a republican, though he never held a public office of any prominence. It is rather singular that the public did not avail itself of his executive ability and high talents which would have done honor to any position in the gift of the people of his state. In religious belief he was a Methodist, a regular attendant and a generous supporter of the church. As a citizen for

more than half a century he was one of the best and most favorably known men in this county.

Irving A. Keck was born March 21, 1846, at Washington, Iowa, where he grew to manhood. He obtained his education in the schools of Washington and the Washington College. Later he attended Eastman College, Poughkeepsie, New York. After leaving school he became assistant cashier of his father's bank at Washington, which position he held until the organization of the bank at Sigourney, of which he was made cashier. He held this position until the fall of 1884, when he retired from active business. He then moved to Bowling Green, Florida, where he has since resided. His country estate, he has named "The Oaks."

In 1867, he was married to Nancy A. Campbell and to them were born three children, now living: Carl M., Elmer C. and Lyle (Carey). The sons live at Washington, Iowa, and the daughter at Boulder, Colorado. He was married the second time about 1880 to Altana Waite. Carl M. Keck was married to Helen B. Burrell and they have two children, Harriet Everson and Howard Burrell. Elmer C. Keck was married to Mina Hamm and they have five children, Veva, Anna, Leland, Evelyn and Harold. Lyle Keck was married to Edward L. Carey and they have two children, Myrtle and Rose.

Mr. Keck is a republican in politics, though independent in his support of local candidates. He is a member of the Seventh Day Adventist church. Mr. Keck wrote a history of Washington county, which was published in the *Annals of Iowa* and to which the editor is much indebted in the preparation of this work.

Irving A. Keck was the most multifarious reader, and had more out-of-the-way information than any man I ever knew except "Dick" Richardson, editor of the *Davenport Democrat*. His head was literally packed with useful and ornamental and out-of-the-way information; and his memory was like a steel bear trap, never forgot anything that he read; wonderful talker, full of humor and a capital companion.

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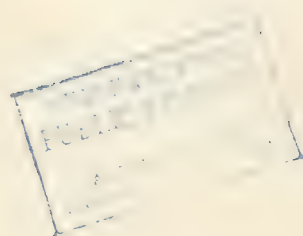
#### M. C. STRUBLE.

M. C. Struble needs no introduction to the readers of this volume for as cashier of the Security Savings Bank of Wellman, he has a very wide, extended and favorable acquaintance. He was born January 23, 1865, in a place which indicates that the family came to this part of the state when it was a frontier log cabin on the present site of Struble cemetery about a mile east of Sioux Rapids, it being the second log house in Buena Vista county, a fact which indicates that the family came to this part of the state when it was a frontier district. The history of pioneer days of this part of the state would be very incomplete and unsatisfactory were there failure to make reference to George W. Struble, who was not only one of the best known and most respected citizens but for many years took an active part in shaping public affairs and in promoting general progress. He bore his share in the work of transforming the western wilderness and the wild prairie into rich farms and with the





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passing years he continued his activities in agricultural lines up to the time of the death of his wife. Wherever known he was honored and respected and most of all where best known. He was born in Canadice, Ontario county, New York, on the 26th of January, 1834, and spent the days of his boyhood and youth in the state of his nativity, his education being acquired in its public schools. Later in the year 1860 he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Moore, who was born in Canisteo, Steuben county, New York, November 15, 1839. They began their domestic life in the east but in 1863 removed to Buena Vista county, Iowa, bringing with them their little daughter Flora. Mrs. Jennie M. Farmer in giving an account of early days spoke of the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Struble, saying: "They settled in Buena Vista county near what is now the town of Sioux Rapids on the banks of the Sioux river. The journey across the bleak prairies at such a time was accompanied by many hardships. Leaving the cars at Cedar Falls, they proceeded by stage to Webster City and thence to Fort Dodge, sixty miles from their destination. A light snow had fallen and the cold was intense but the remaining distance was traveled without serious discomfort. At the close of the first day of December, 1863, they were welcomed within the hospitable home of Mrs. Lee, a sister of Mrs. Struble, who removed from New York state several years previous.

There was so much delay in transmitting freight, their household goods did not arrive until four months later and spring was well advanced before the young people were settled in their own home, which was a two-story log house, acknowledged to be the largest and oldest in the county. There were two rooms on the ground floor: a bedroom, reserved during court for the judge, and the commodious living room. Days of sorrow came and, in the early spring, the little daughter was laid to rest in Lone Tree cemetery, on the bleak prairie, her grave being the third to mark that lonely spot.

It was indeed a sad beginning but with the approach of summer their courage revived and soon the advent of a little son helped brighten the lonely days. Neighbors were far apart and all were struggling to surmount the difficulties of frontier life. The nearest market for product was Fort Dodge, sixty miles southeast, and from this point they obtained their weekly mail, occasionally going to Webster City to mill, a distance of eighty miles. The trip necessitated a three-days' absence, even in the most favorable weather, but the prospect of letters from eastern friends served to shorten the time to those remaining at home. During severe storms, they were unable to transport their wheat to mill, often causing much inconvenience. During the winter of 1865, a snow storm raged continuously for many days. The roads became impassable for six weeks and they were obliged to grind all their corn for table use in coffee mills. In the meantime their supply of flour was exhausted and when at length Mr. Struble shipped in a fifty pound sack, by way of government stage line, from Sioux City, he paid for the same six dollars and twenty-five cents. Oats sold for one dollar a bushel during the same year but fish and wild game were abundant; brant, wild turkeys and ducks fairly overrun the fields and wolves could be heard howling in the timber. The people, however, were sturdy and ambitious, full of hope for the

future and not easily overcome by obstacles." It is difficult to understand or realize the hardships of those early days when the exposure to blizzards was frequently attended by loss of life. They were also constantly annoyed by the Indians who professed friendliness but were notorious beggars and delighted in frightening the "white squaw."

The log house which was the original home of the family was erected by Abner Bell and was the second log house built in Buena Vista county. For many years "Strubles Tavern" was the principal stopping-place in this section. The family lived upon the old homestead until 1871 when George W. Struble built the Central house in Sioux Rapids and conducted it for about ten years. In the spring of 1881 he sold out to J. Duroe and returned to the farm, building a farm house now occupied by his son Wallace. In 1892 he removed to the city and there lived until the summer preceding his death when he erected a neat cottage upon his farm and occupied it until his demise. His wife was called from the scenes of earth on the 15th of June, 1898, when fifty-eight years of age. She was universally loved and her memory is yet cherished by many who knew her. She was ever of great assistance to her husband, her advice and wise counsel as well as her capable management of household affairs proving elements in his success. As the years passed by they prospered and as his financial resources increased Mr. Struble purchased land from time to time until he became the owner of three hundred and seventy-five acres constituting a very valuable and desirable property. He survived his wife for about two years, passing away on the 27th of January, 1900, just after he had reached the age of sixty-six years. He was a man of strong personality, positive in his opinions and aggressive in their support. He was noted for his strict integrity and never did he owe a man a cent. When death claimed him the funeral services were held in the Congregational church and he was at length laid to rest beside his wife and daughter. By strict economy, keen fore-sight and hard work he had built up an excellent property and moreover had won an honored name for in all his business dealings he was reliable and straightforward.

M. C. Struble remained at home to the age of twenty years. In the meantime he had enjoyed the advantages of a public-school education and had also been thoroughly trained in the work of the fields. Thinking that he would find some other pursuit more congenial than agricultural life he then took a commercial course at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and in 1886 returned to Sioux Rapids where he accepted a position in the Farmers & Merchants Bank, acting in that capacity for ten years. On the 9th of July, 1896, he removed with his family to Wellman, Iowa, and organized the Security Savings Bank with a paid up capital of twenty-five thousand dollars. He entered the bank as cashier and has since remained in that position of executive control. The institution has since enjoyed a steady, prosperous growth and at this writing, in 1909, has an annual business representing a little over three hundred thousand dollars.

In 1888 Mr. Struble was united in marriage to Lena Weeks, of Santa Rosa, California, and unto them was born one son, George Struble, who was named in honor of his grandfather, G. W. Struble. On the 25th of April,



1897. Mr. Struble was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife who passed away on that date at her home in Wellman, leaving her husband and son to mourn her loss. On the 27th of July, 1898, Mr. Struble was again married, his second union being with Miss Allie Bernard Shaffer, whose home and birthplace were near Wellman, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Struble are now pleasantly located in Wellman and have a large circle of warm friends in the city who entertain for them the highest regard. Mr. Struble has devoted much of his life to banking and is thoroughly conversant with the business, in which connection he has made steady progress. As a representative of one of the oldest families of this part of the county but owing more largely to his personal worth he well deserves mention among the most prominent and representative residents of the county.

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#### HORACE GREELEY McMILLAN.

H. G. McMillan, widely known as one of the leading lawyers of Iowa and also as an extensive landholder, enjoys moreover a world-wide reputation as a breeder of fine stock. He was born in Dalton, Wayne county, Ohio, May 29, 1857, a son of Peter Robertson and Elizabeth (Cully) McMillan. His paternal grandfather came of a Scotch family, his parents emigrating from Scotland and taking up their abode in Washington county, New York. The grandfather was one of the old-fashioned Scotch Presbyterians and removed from New York to Ohio at an early period in the development of the latter state, undergoing all the hardships that fell to the lot of the pioneers. In 1846 he removed to Washington, Iowa, with his family, consisting of two daughters and eight sons, and died in Washington about 1861, his wife surviving him for fifteen years.

Peter Robertson McMillan was born in Washington county, New York, December 9, 1820, and when a small boy accompanied his parents to Ohio, where he assisted in clearing a farm in the midst of the dense forest. Through his own efforts he secured a college education and for several years he engaged in school teaching. He came to Iowa in 1846 with his father and mother and settled at Washington. In association with the Rev. George Vinton he conducted the first select school, or academy, in this city, probably during 1846-47. Afterward he returned to Ohio and in 1850 was married in Wayne county to Elizabeth Cully. In 1856 he removed to Crawfordsville, where with his brother Richard he engaged in merchandising. He then removed on to a farm which he had purchased four miles northeast of Washington and on this farm he turned his attention particularly to raising blooded stock of different kinds. He was the first to introduce pure bred horses, hogs and cattle in his section of the county, and was always a successful exhibitor at the state fair and at some of the county and district fairs in Illinois. He was tall in stature, being six feet, three and one-half inches in height, and was a man of unswerving integrity of purpose, cool and deliberate in manner

and in thought, and at all times commanded the respect and confidence of his neighbors. To him his neighbors and townsmen naturally went for counsel and advice and he was looked upon as a leader throughout his community. Both he and his wife were devoted members of the United Presbyterian church. His death occurred March 13, 1882, at Washington, and he was laid to rest in the Washington cemetery. His widow still survives and yet makes her home in Washington.

In the country schools of Washington county H. G. McMillan pursued his early education and afterward attended Grandview Academy in Louisa county, Iowa, for one winter. Later he spent about one year in Washington Academy but did not finish the course and, turning his attention to the profession of law, began reading in the office of McJunkin & Henderson. While thus pursuing his studies he would walk in from the farm each morning and return at night, for he did not have sufficient financial resources to pay his expenses in town or to enable him to attend law school. For two years he pursued his legal studies in that way and was then admitted to the bar in 1880. While a boy on the home farm he was much interested in his father's work in breeding pure-bred stock and greatly enjoyed attending the fairs and exhibiting the best specimens of stock from the farm. He was also fond of all outdoor sports, especially hunting, and of dogs and horses. During his school life he took great interest in the literary societies and won local reputation as a speaker and debater among the school boys. After leaving school and before reading law he settled on a farm northeast of Washington with his father with the intention of joining him in the breeding of pure-bred stock and making that his life work, but on account of his father's financial reverses, caused by endorsing paper for his friends, he decided to take up the study of law and, as previously stated, was in due time admitted to the bar.

In March, 1882, Mr. McMillan removed to Rock Rapids, Lyon county, Iowa. His parents had also expected to go but after all arrangements were made to move the father was taken suddenly ill and died. Then with his own family and his mother, Horace G. McMillan undertook to make a start in this then new part of Iowa, entering upon the practice of law in partnership with a Mr. Van Wagenen under the firm style of Van Wagenen & McMillan. The relation was maintained until 1891, when Mr. Van Wagenen retired from the firm. Mr. McMillan continued in active practice and afterward associated with him John Dunlap, also of Washington county, under the firm name of McMillan & Dunlap. This partnership continued until 1897, when Mr. McMillan removed to Cedar Rapids, where he lived for ten years, and in 1907 he became a resident of Sioux City. While in Rock Rapids in company with Mr. Van Wagenen he published the Lyon County Reporter, a weekly paper, being led to this because the law business in itself was insufficient to give him a remunerative livelihood. After about two years the paper was sold at a very fair profit. By this time his practice had increased considerably and continued to grow during the time he remained in Rock Rapids. For about twelve years during that period his practice was quite extensive, his income averaging about eight thousand dollars per

year. Soon after his removal to Rock Rapids Mr. McMillan made a small payment on some land bought at a cheap price and continued to make investments in land as his financial resources increased, until he now has about five thousand acres of improved land ranging in value from fifty to one hundred dollars an acre. In the practice of law, too, he made continuous and gratifying progress and has long been recognized a leading member of the bar of Iowa.

While living in Washington county Mr. McMillan served for three years in the Iowa National Guard and during the latter part of his service was first sergeant of the company. While in Rock Rapids he served as chairman of the republican county committee for three or four terms and was the first city attorney of the town and also the first county attorney of Lyons county. He filled the latter position for three terms and then declined a reelection. In 1892 he was elected a member of the state republican committee from the eleventh district. He served for six years as a member of the state committee, the last three years being its chairman, having been elected chairman in 1895 and continuing through the campaign of 1896-97. To him is due much credit for the successful management of the famous McKinley campaign of 1896. He was appointed United States attorney for the northern district of Iowa by President McKinley in February, 1898, and was reappointed by President Roosevelt and served about ten years as United States attorney. He was not a candidate for reappointment as he prefers outside interests to office holding, but in politics he has always been a stalwart republican and continues to give to the party his staunch support. In 1883 he became a member of the Knights of Pythias at Rock Rapids and has held all the official positions in that lodge and has also served as a delegate to the grand lodge. While he does not belong to any church he is in sympathy with the teachings and doctrines of the Presbyterian denomination.

Pleasantly situated in his home life, Mr. McMillan was married on the 28th of August, 1877, to Miss Alice Van Doren, the wedding being celebrated in Washington. Mrs. McMillan was born in Washington, a daughter of W. A. Van Doren, one of the early settlers of the county. Both her father and mother, whose maiden name was Temperance Brown, lie buried in the Washington cemetery. Alice Van Doren received her education in the Washington high school, from which she is a graduate, and the Washington academy. Unto Mr. and Mrs. McMillan have been born the following children: Glen Van Doren, born December 16, 1878; Viva Alice, born December 25, 1880; Stella, born in 1882; Florence, on the 10th of February, 1884; James Blaine, February 18, 1886; and Horace G., July 18, 1888. All are still living with the exception of Stella, who died in childhood. The eldest son, Glen Van Doren McMillan, was married to Helen Boise in Cedar Rapids and is now living in Sioux City, where he is manager of the Farmers Tribune, of which his father is the principal owner. Viva McMillan is now the wife of Edward Hammet, a resident of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Florence is the wife of Floyd B. O'Brien, living in Seattle, Washington. James Blaine wedded Sally Martin and is living at Rock Rapids, Iowa. Horace G. is still attending school.

While Mr. McMillan chose law as his life work and has devoted much of his time and energies to the arduous duties of the profession he has also proven himself a successful business man in other fields of labor. After purchasing land in the vicinity of Rock Rapids his natural inclination for farming and the breeding of live stock induced him to put improved stock on his land. Continuous development has been the order of this business until he is today the owner of what is known as the Lakewood farm, consisting of thirteen hundred and forty acres of as good land as there is in the United States. In association with his sons he is conducting this farm as an extensive breeding establishment, being the largest in the world. Their attention is given to the breeding of Percheron horses, shorthorn and Jersey cattle and other improved stock, the purpose of the farm being to supply the stock raisers and farmers of the great northwest with pure-bred breeding stock adapted to their requirements. There are now on the Lakewood Farm over four hundred head of pure-bred Percheron horses, in addition to a large number of the other pure-bred stock mentioned. The Lakewood Farm has become one of the most famous in the United States and its owners have won more prizes at the Chicago International Live Stock Show and the principal state fairs of the west on their horses during the past four years than any other exhibitors in the entire country. In addition to their Lakewood Farm they have almost four thousand acres of improved land, consisting of farms varying in size from a quarter section to nine hundred acres, and these they are gradually developing into stock farms.

A man of resourceful ability, marked enterprise and notable in initiative spirit. H. G. McMillan has extended his efforts to still other fields of labor. On his removal to Cedar Rapids, in 1898, in company with Cyrenus Cole, who had been the principal editorial writer of the Des Moines Register, he purchased the Cedar Rapids Republican, a morning daily, also an extensive printing plant, which they operated in connection with the publication of the paper. Later they established the Evening Times. In 1905 Mr. McMillan purchased the controlling interest in the Farmers Tribune, a weekly paper, and two years later sold his interest in the Cedar Rapids paper. Later he became the sole owner of the Farmers Tribune and incorporated the business with a capital stock of one hundred thousand dollars. At that time he associated with him his eldest son and has since continued the publication of the paper, the father remaining as managing editor with general charge of the business. The Tribune has a circulation of fifty thousand and is now regarded as one of the leading papers of the class that is published in this country. His personal interest in farming and stock raising enables him to understand the demands and needs of the public for a publication of this character and his time and energies are now devoted to his journalistic interests and to the management and control of his extensive farming and live-stock interests, for since his retirement from the position of United States attorney he has not engaged actively in the profession of law. He holds no official position at the present time save that of president of the Percheron Society of America, in which capacity he has served since the organization of the society seven years ago. This association is composed of over two



thousand members of the leading horse breeders and importers of the United States and is the strongest and most powerful organization of its kind in the world.

The life record of Mr. McMillan is a notable example of what may be accomplished by a man of energy under the pressure of adversity and the stimulus of necessity. Constantly watchful of his opportunities, which he has utilized to the best advantage, he has made steady progress in his business career. He has been extremely prosperous, succeeding beyond his expectations in a financial way, but a careful analyzation of his life record shows that his prosperity has been won through determined, honorable and persistent effort. His long and extensive experience in farming and the breeding of pure-bred stock has made him regarded throughout the United States as an authority on those subjects, and during recent years especially he has had frequent cause to address state breeders' meetings, farmers' institutes and other like organizations. By special request he prepared an article on draft horse breeding in the United States, published in the Breeders' Gazette in Chicago, which article was given a prominent place along with articles on various subjects written by such distinguished men as Secretary Wilson, position in the field of labor to which he is now directing his energies. Any James J. Hill, J. Ogden Armour and others. He has attained a foremost one meeting Mr. McMillan would know at once that he is an individual embodying all the elements of what in this country we term a square man—one in whom to have confidence; a dependable man in any relation and any emergency. His quietude of deportment, his easy dignity, his frankness and cordiality of address, with the total absence of anything sinister or anything to conceal, foretold a man who is ready to meet any obligation of life with the confidence and courage that come of conscious personal ability, right conception of things, and an habitual regard for what is best in the exercise of human activities.

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### DANIEL WOOD LEWIS.

The name of Daniel Wood Lewis is inseparably interwoven with the history of educational progress in Washington and it is therefore imperative that extended mention be made of him in this volume else the record would be considered incomplete by the many friends whom he has in this section of the state. Deeply interested in the profession to which he has largely devoted his life, his work in this connection has been of immeasurable value to the county, for he has held to high ideals in all of his professional service. He is now living in Pasadena, California, but in Washington county his circle of friends is almost as extensive as the circle of his acquaintances.

Professor Lewis was born near Fredericktown, Knox county, Ohio, on the 20th of October, 1835. His father, Griffith Lewis, was a native of western Pennsylvania, born March 12, 1808. The paternal grandfather was of Welsh and English descent, a man of good intellect and of sound judgment who was opposed to slavery and to war and in favor of education and temper-

ance. His business interests were represented in farming and tanning. His son, Griffith Lewis, was but an infant at the time of the removal of the family to Knox county, Ohio, where he was reared. He became a farmer, lime burner and nurseryman and in following those pursuits made a good living for his family. He was married May 1, 1834, to Miss Anna Wood and unto them were born six children. His wife was of English and Dutch descent, her father being a successful farmer and a leader in his neighborhood. He was always on the right side of any moral question and was an able orthodox Quaker preacher. Five of his children became preachers and two others were exhorters. Both the grandmothers of Professor Lewis were women of ability and integrity, so that he has back of him a most honored ancestry. His father was a stanch opponent of the system of slavery and a stalwart advocate of the cause of temperance and in both regards the mother was a helpmate to him.

Daniel Wood Lewis attended the Friends and other private schools and also the country and village public schools in Ohio and Iowa. For several months he was a student in the high school at Tipton, Iowa, and also in Oberlin College, but did not graduate at either. He greatly broadened his knowledge by reading at home, by attending literary societies, listening to lectures and political speeches and also attending teachers' institutes and associations. He likewise pursued a four years' Chautauqua course, graduating in 1897, and then after a year of rest took the Chautauqua three years' course in English literature and history. He is likewise a graduate of the Eastman Business College, of Poughkeepsie, New York. He was only two years old when the family removed to Woodbury, in what is now Morrow county, Ohio, where his father conducted a hotel, and in 1840 a removal was made to North Lewisburg, Champaign county, Ohio, where they lived for thirteen years. In 1853 the father, mother and six children made their way westward to Cedar county, Iowa, and about ten years later the father sold his eighty acres and removed to Story county, Iowa, settling three miles from the State Agricultural College. Professor Lewis, however, did not go there to live but on the first Monday in January, 1865, began his career in the city schools as principal of the third ward grammar school, at Muscatine, Iowa. Through his childhood days he was in ill health and in fact has never been physically strong. He was fond of play and especially delighted in swimming and skating and although he did not like hard work a considerable share of it in connection with the farm fell to his lot. However, he found pleasure in plowing and in driving a team hitched to wagon, sled or carriage. His passion, however was for reading and his mother often said that when he was interested in a book he would not notice even a thunder storm. He would ride the old family horse, Betty, or a colt, to attend a temperance or an anti-slavery lecture, or if he could not ride would walk. He also found pleasure in visiting the home of his relatives, especially the homes of his young cousins, and he was never addicted to gambling, drinking or smoking, a single cigar finishing any attempt to acquire the last named habit. Truth, too, was upon his lips and thus he grew to manhood, strong in those traits of character which in every community awaken confidence and regard.

As stated, Professor Lewis did not remove with the family to Story county, Iowa, but accepted instead the principalship of the third ward grammar school at Muscatine, and in the fall of 1868 became superintendent and principal of the high school in Washington, Iowa. His high school assistant in the first year was Mary Jane Hamilton, who had been recommended to him as "the best woman teacher in Iowa." During the succeeding two years Mr. Lewis had no assistant and Miss Hamilton taught the highest class of the grammar grade. In the ensuing vacation Mr. Lewis and Miss Hamilton were married and soon afterward went to Nebraska to teach the Winnebago Indians. Being again elected to their former positions, they returned and took up the work again, Mrs. Hamilton teaching eight years after their return, or fifteen years in all, while Professor Lewis remained as superintendent, et cetera, for twenty-one years longer, or twenty-four years in all, at the end of which time the family removed to Pasadena.

At the time of the Civil war Professor Lewis enlisted in the Thirty-fifth Iowa Infantry but was excused. He remained, however, a loyal advocate of the Union cause throughout the period of hostilities between the north and south. Devoting thirty-seven years of his life to teaching school he would never consent to become a candidate for office during that time. In 1901, however, following his removal to California, he was elected a member of the board of education at Pasadena. He drew a short term and in 1903 was elected for a full term of four years. This service was to him a labor of love and one which he greatly enjoyed, but the demands of his private business interests were such as to prevent him giving to the school work the time and attention required and he voluntarily retired from the board. In 1893 he declined a reelection as supervising principal of the city schools of Washington, Iowa, and also resigned the following positions: secretary of the school board on which he had served for eighteen years; treasurer of the Iowa state teachers association, after twenty-four years service; trustee of the city public library, having served from its founding; and president of the Washington County Bible Society, which made him a life director of the American Bible Society. After the departure of Professor Lewis and his family for the Pacific coast graduates of the Washington school, teachers and friends, met in a very interesting reunion, and in 1900, when the family returned to Washington for a visit, another reunion was held in his honor, on which occasion three hundred and fifty graduates were present.

In both Muscatine and in Washington Professor Lewis was a Good Templar and was also a member of the Iowa Legion of Honor in Washington, but is not identified with any secret societies at the present time. In politics he has been an abolitionist and free soiler, a free democrat and a republican. When he was young he read and listened and later talked and wrote upon political questions. After he became a voter he made many political speeches and while teaching would frequently speak at school houses and public halls on Friday or Saturday evenings, advocating protective tariff and other prominent issues of the party. In 1896 he took an active part in opposition to the free coinage of silver, not waiting for the action of the national convention upon that question. He is a prohibitionist in principle.



but does not vote with the prohibition party, believing that every citizen should have an opportunity to vote his principles on the temperance question without having his other political principles involved therein. He was reared a strict Friend, or Quaker. His parents inherited and believed the principles and doctrines of the Society of Friends and taught them diligently to their children. For many years Professor Lewis affiliated with the Methodist church, but is now a member of the First Friends church, in Pasadena, in which he is serving as an elder and Sunday school teacher. He is a man of broad views, unbiased by a narrow sectarianism, and rejoices at the increasing friendly feeling among members of the Christian churches.

The home life of Professor Lewis has been largely of an ideal character. His marriage to Miss Mary Jane Hamilton was celebrated at her family home, two and a half miles from Washington, Iowa, July 26, 1871. Her parents were Scotch-Irish Presbyterians from Virginia. The family, including two sons and two daughters, removed from Menard county, Illinois, to Louisa county, Iowa, in the fall of 1853 and to Washington the following spring. The father and mother died only a few weeks apart in 1881. John C. Hamilton, the eldest son, now lives in Pasadena, California, his son, Arthur L. Hamilton, being superintendent of the city schools there, while his daughter, Kate Hamilton, is a teacher. The husband of another sister, Myrtle Owen, is a professor in the Pasadena high school. Mrs. Mary H. Lewis and her sister, Sarah M. Hamilton, were graduates of the normal department of the Iowa State University. Sarah and her brother, William R. Hamilton, still live in Washington, Iowa. John C. Hamilton's second daughter, Sarah E., is a bookkeeper in a wholesale house in Los Angeles. The second son, Fred Hamilton, died a few years ago in Arkansas. The third son, William Burrell Hamilton, is in Pasadena. Besides teaching in Washington and Winnebago, Iowa, Mrs. Lewis taught several terms in country schools and a year in Iowa City. She also taught a young ladies' class in Sunday school and for several years was an instructor in the Washington County Teachers Institute, her teaching at all times being very satisfactory. In Pasadena, after being a member for one year of the Washington Heights Club, she was elected vice president and served for about half a year as president. She was then elected president and reelected the next year. Her last paper and address in 1907 were on the subject of peace and she handled the question so instructively and entertainingly that she was requested in 1908 to prepare another paper on the progress of peace. This was praised by every person who heard it. After her retirement from the presidency of the club Mrs. Lewis was made a member of the new program committee—an arduous service well performed. On the evening of December 5, 1908, she was apparently as well as usual but about seven o'clock on Sunday morning was attacked with angina pectoris. While medical help was immediately summoned, at eight o'clock she had breathed her last. Her remains were interred in Mountain View cemetery. The only child of that marriage, Miss Pauline Lewis, is acting as her father's housekeeper. She was born in Washington, Iowa, August 13, 1880, entered school in due time, passed through consecutive grades and was in the eighth grade work at the time of



the removal to Pasadena. Here she rested for a time and in 1894 reentered school, being graduated from the high school in 1900. She has studied piano in both Washington and Pasadena and has been a member of the Symphony Club and the Ensemble Class. She has taken part in dramatic and musical entertainments with good success and is now a teacher of the piano in a young ladies classical school, but most of her thirty pupils in the winter of 1908-09 were private ones. She joined the Washington Heights Club before her mother became a member and is still an honorary member thereof. She is also an active member of the Shakespeare Club of five hundred members and is on the program committee. She belongs to the Presbyterian church and to the Young Woman's Christian Association, acting as pianist of the latter.

Professor Lewis while in California attended many teachers associations, taught in many teachers institutes and for several years in succession was conductor in the Washington County Normal Institute. Following his removal to Pasadena he took care of his fruit farm for several years. In January, 1897, he was elected a director of the North Pasadena Land & Water Company and in April of the same year was chosen its secretary to fill a vacancy, beginning his work on the 1st of May. He voluntarily retired from the directorship at the end of ten years, but is still acting as secretary, although he is now nearly seventy-four years of age. He has disposed of his ranch and its equipments and makes his home in Pasadena. His has been an active life and one of great usefulness, winning him the honor, confidence and respect of all who know him.

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### JUDGE J. R. LEWIS.

Joseph R. Lewis was a noted man here in the late '50s and early '60s. He was a strong lawyer and a man of courage and incorruptible honesty; the people had implicit faith in him, and he was entrusted with several very important county commissions. In social and religious life, too, he was a notable character. He was for several years superintendent of the Methodist Episcopal Sunday school and started its library. His activities ranged over divers fields. He was appointed federal judge in Idaho, I believe, and was transferred to the federal bench in Washington Territory. The sharp fellows out there interested in timber and mining claims, could not budge, bribe or intimidate him, so they resolved to get rid of him. They forged his resignation and sent it in to the department of justice and it was accepted and his successor appointed, before he knew a thing about it. It perhaps bored him for awhile; I have even suspected that he swore about it above his breath; but it was a blessing in disguise. He turned to business and became a very rich man. He was an exceptional financier and owned opera houses in Seattle and other real estate, but the wet winters gave him rheumatism and he went to San Jose, California, and accumulated fruit ranches galore and bank stock, but earthquakes terrified him, and a two weeks' visit in Los

Angeles with his wife sent them into raptures, and three or four years ago they moved there, and he is leading a life of well earned leisure in a beautiful home. The old Pressman remembers vividly a two days' visit in his Seattle home and a call at his Los Angeles home three years ago.

His "cute," sly marriage in Mrs. Dr. Chilcote's home, now the city library, to Mrs. Dr. J. R. Richards, tickled everybody in Washington when they learned of the climax, the courtship and denouement were conducted so diplomatically. The result was especially pleasing to the Hon. C. H. Wilson. **Ask him about it.**

We rate Judge Lewis one of the great men of Washington county. It may be of interest to state that he once lived in the small house, minus the east addition, just across the road from the old Keck residence, which is now a sanitarium.

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### GENERAL HIRAM SCOFIELD.

The Scofield family comes of good old Revolutionary stock, the grandfather of our sketch, Neazer Scofield, having served in the Revolutionary war and for many years his services were recognized by the government with a substantial pension. Neazer Scofield lived in Connecticut as did also his wife, Patience; and their son William was born in Stamford in 1793. In 1800 the family moved to Saratoga county, New York, where the grandfather and grandmother died at a very advanced age. William Scofield married Susan Bishop and they had three sons and two daughters: Hiram, Eunice B., Darius, William and Rhoda E. (Mills). William Scofield was strongly anti-slavery and his house was a station on the underground railroad. In politics he became a republican upon the organization of that party, and in religion he and his wife were both members of the Presbyterian church. He died in 1873, and she in 1862.

Hiram Scofield, the eldest of the children, was reared on the farm and his early education was received in the common schools of Saratoga county and an academy. It was General Scofield's good fortune to have attended Union College, Schenectady, at the time good old Dr. Nott was president of it. Upon leaving school in 1853, he removed to Little Rock, Arkansas, where he taught school and read law. He then attended the Albany law school, graduating in 1856. Shortly thereafter, he came to Washington county, forming a partnership with Antis H. Patterson, where he continued in the practice until 1861. He was one of the first to respond to the call of Abraham Lincoln, but for some reason, did not get into the only regiment accepted from Iowa under that call. Under the second call, he became a member of Company H, Second Iowa Volunteer Infantry, which was the first regiment to leave the state. He was mustered into the service May 22, 1861. He enlisted as a private, but was soon promoted to second and then to first lieutenant and at Fort Donelson commanded his company. The capture of Fort Donelson by Colonel Tuttle's regiment, the Second Iowa was one of the most brilliant

charges of the war of the Rebellion and Lieutenant Scofield and Company H did their full part. Immediately upon entering the fort, he was appointed A. A. G., with the rank of captain and detailed on the staff of General Lauman. His picture shown among the officers of the Rebellion represents him at this period of his military life. He was wounded at Pittsburg Landing but reported again for duty within four weeks. He was in the battles preceding the capture of Corinth and was with Sherman in his movement to the Tallahatchie river. At Oxford, Mississippi, he was transferred to the staff of General McArthur and served with him, until he was assigned to the Forty-seventh United States Colored Infantry, and became its colonel. At New Orleans, Colonel Scofield was assigned to the command of a brigade. From there his command was sent to Pensacola, Florida and against Mobile. In the assault on Fort Blakesley, in the absence of a general officer, he led the assault, which resulted soon afterward in the surrender of Mobile.

His brigade then operated around Selma and Montgomery, and then returned to Mobile, where the news of the assassination of President Lincoln was received. For his services before Mobile, he received a commission as brevet brigadier general. From Mobile his brigade was sent by steamer to New Orleans and afterward up the Red river to Alexandria. Peace having been declared, General Scofield was mustered out of the service at Baton Rouge, on January 6, 1866. In short, General Scofield was a soldier, always kind and attentive to the wants of officers and men under him; a strict disciplinarian; a man of excellent judgement when on the field of action and absolutely fearless. It is difficult to give a full statement of his military service because of the General's reticence when talking of the part he played in that great drama, but it is entirely safe to say that a braver and better soldier never wore the uniform of his country.

Upon his return to private life, General Scofield reentered the practice of law at Washington with his brother, William, and continued until his death in Seattle, Washington, December 30, 1906. As a lawyer General Scofield was a safe and conservative counselor, a bold and able advocate, and in the trial of a cause his candor to the court and his earnestness in his advocacy before the jury made him a dangerous antagonist. He was methodical and painstaking in the preparation of his cases, both as to the law and the facts applicable thereto, and these qualities combined with a broad academic and legal education, placed him among the foremost lawyers of Iowa.

If the writer of this sketch was required to say what quality of mind and heart had endeared the General to the members of the bar, he would say that it was his kindly sympathy, ready and invaluable assistance always given to the young lawyer. His library was at their disposal and the General was never so busy but that he found time to counsel and advise the perplexed and worried beginner. Pains-taking ability, candor, honesty marked the General's professional career, from its commencement to the close, and no one ever enjoyed in a larger degree the confidence of the court and the respect of the bar.

As a citizen he took a deep interest in all public affairs and had pronounced views on all matters of general interest. He served on the board of the Washington Academy and as a member of the trustees of the Chilcote

Library for a great many years, holding both positions at the time of his death. He was a large owner of both town property and farm land which he had acquired as a result of industry and wise investment.

He had the peculiar faculty in a very marked degree of intrenching himself in the affections of all who knew him intimately. He was not a man with whom it was easy to become acquainted; but having once given his confidence, his friendship was steadfast and enduring. He loved his home; and his home life was ideal. He surrounded his family with a collection embracing a very wide range of pictures and works of art; at his death he had the largest private library in the state of Iowa.

In the fall of 1866 he was united in marriage with Amelia B. Wilson, and two children were born to them: Clara J. and Cora L. The former was married to Charles E. Patterson, a member of the Seattle bar, and the other daughter lives with her mother in the old Scofield homestead, on West Main street in Washington.

#### THE PARKINSON FAMILY.

Benoni Parkinson was born in Marshall county, West Virginia, March 3, 1836, and was one of a large family of children. He was educated in the subscription schools of that county and afterward attended Waynesburg College and still later took a course in medicine at Cleveland, Ohio. When the war of the Rebellion broke out he enlisted in the First West Virginia Infantry, for a short service and upon the expiration of his term of enlistment, he reenlisted in the Third West Virginia Cavalry and was assigned to the position of assistant surgeon of the regiment. Later on he was assigned to the Seventeenth West Virginia Infantry as surgeon of the regiment and in that capacity served until the end of the war.

When he was mustered out of the army he entered the practice of medicine at Cameron, West Virginia, where he remained until about the year 1870, when he migrated to Ainsworth, Washington county, Iowa. Here he forsook the medical profession and engaged in the sale of lumber, in which he continued until about 1880. At that time he sold out his business at Ainsworth and moved to Washington, where he reengaged in the same line of trade. In 1893 he disposed of his business interests in Washington and moved to Palo Alto, California, where he engaged in the lumber and banking business, becoming president of the bank of Palo Alto. He died there in February, 1899.

Mr. Parkinson was a republican in politics. He served as a member of the house of representatives of the seventeenth general assembly from Washington county, having defeated Rev. Benjamin Eicher for that office. The Doctor was a good citizen; plain, common and easily approached by every one. He was an influential citizen and possessed of fine business attainments. In his dealings he was prosperous as well as the soul of integrity, and by the



exercise of the nobler qualities of mind and heart endeared himself to all who knew him.

He was married to Katharine Gray, of Greene county, Pennsylvania, in 1863. She was born in November, 1842, and died while the family was living at Ainsworth. There were born to them seven children of whom four survive: John Francis, Fannie Gray, George and Charles R. Subsequently he married Mrs. Nena Staples, who now resides at Los Angeles, California. By this marriage they had three children: Lieuba, Mary and Frank, who reside with their mother.

John Francis Parkinson, the eldest son, was born December 1, 1864, while his father was in the army. He was educated in the schools of Washington county and a college at Burlington. In June, 1888, he was married to Maizie Scofield, the older daughter of William and Sarah Scofield, in Washington, and they went at once to Palo Alto, California, where they have since made their home. They have five children: Katharine, Robert, Benoni, John Francis, Jr., and Sarah Gray. Mr. Parkinson is engaged in numerous business enterprises and has been very successful. Among his other business interests, he is the owner and publisher of "The Citizen", a weekly newspaper published in his home town. He is a very public-spirited citizen and is constantly engaged in enterprises for the good of the public.

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### THE FORMAN FAMILY.

One of the oldest families in the county was founded by George W. Forman. He was born in Middletown, Butler county, Ohio, in 1822. After receiving his education he moved to Deedsville, now Merrimac, Jefferson county, Iowa, and that fall moved to Brighton township. Prior to his coming to Iowa he had learned the wagonmaker's trade, but after arriving at Brighton he gave up his trade and engaged in farming. He was a member of the board of supervisors of Washington county and had the supervision of the building of the first bridge over Skunk river on the Washington-Brighton road. He also served as justice of the peace for a number of terms. In partnership with John A. Henderson, he became a railroad contractor and built many of the bridges on what are now the Rock Island lines in Washington and Jefferson counties. In 1878, he moved to Alton, Kansas, where he died in July, 1907.

Mr. Forman was married to Margaret Heaton, a daughter of Samuel Heaton, the pioneer merchant of Brighton. She was born in Greene county, Pennsylvania, and was of a very fine family. She died February 14, 1898. Nine children were born to them: Walter, Lawrence N., Samuel Heaton, John, Emma, Carrie (Williams), Alvin, William and Effie (Anderson).

George W. Forman was a republican in politics, very strong Union man and a staunch supporter of President Lincoln throughout the war. He was a man of literary tastes and fond of society. Although not a member of a church, he was a man of very high moral character and a prohibitionist in his

temperance views. He was a great debater and was talked of as a candidate for state senator and representative at different times but would never consent to the use of his name before the convention. He was an excellent type of the fine old pioneers who laid the foundation of that civilization which gives Washington county such prestige in the state.

Samuel Heaton Forman was born on Christmas day, 1854, at Brighton. He obtained his education in the schools of the county and on the 24th of August, 1881, he was united in marriage to Lillian J. Norton, a daughter of the pioneer merchant of Washington, whose picture is shown among the pioneer merchants of the county. They have one child, Mary. By occupation, Mr. Forman is a traveling salesman, and for twenty-five years he has held a responsible position with Young, Smythe, Field Company, of Philadelphia. There is probably not another traveling man in the state with the same line who has represented one house during so long a time. The Forman family has had a very long and honorable career in the county, and Samuel H. has contributed his part to the history of the family.

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### DEE WORK.

While Dee Work is no longer a resident of Washington county, he has here a host of warm friends so that his life record will prove of much interest to those with whom he was long associated. For many years he was a representative and prominent citizen of the county and the community felt and expressed its loss when he removed to De Funiak Springs, Florida, where he now resides. He was born in Washington county, July 12, 1861, and is a son of Simeon A. and Mary (Bailey) Work, who in the year 1851 came to Washington county where the father followed the occupation of farming.

Reared under the parental roof Dee Work pursued his education in the public schools and afterward benefited by a year's instruction in the Iowa City Academy, while for six months he was a student in the Iowa City Commercial College. In early manhood he engaged in teaching, being in charge of several country schools, after which he was principal of the schools at Wellman, Kalona and Richmond. His identification with the educational interests of his part of the state was a source of benefit to the communities in which he labored for he proved himself a most competent and able instructor, imparting clearly and readily to others the knowledge that he had acquired.

On the 17th of January, 1889, Mr. Work was united in marriage to Miss Maggie Elizabeth Thomas at the home of her father, McD. Thomas, at Pilot Grove, Washington county. Unto them have been born eight children: Carl Leo Thomas, who was born at Salina, Kansas, October 27, 1889; Earl Leon Britton, born March 21, 1891, at Salina; William Wayne Bailey, who was born at Pilot Grove, Iowa, November 13, 1892, and there passed away May 17, 1897; Paul McDonald, born at Pilot Grove, Iowa, July 16, 1894; Lola Mary, born February 6, 1896; Arthur Lee, July 13, 1898; Burton

Nathaniel, July 2, 1900; and Ethel Leona, March 7, 1902. With the exception of the first two all were born at Pilot Grove.

Mr. Work is a member of the Masonic fraternity, having been initiated into the order in the Richmond lodge, No. 96, A. F. & A. M., at Kalona, Iowa, in 1885. He was the first candidate initiated in the new hall there which burned. He was also the first candidate initiated in Naomi chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star at Kalona, but this occurred several years later. In the winter of 1907 the failure of Mrs. Work's health made it necessary for the family to go south. They chose as their location Du Funiak Springs, Florida, the home of her uncle, the Rev. Dr. H. W. Thomas, the founder of the People's church in Chicago. The change to the sunny south proved beneficial to Mrs. Work's health. De Funiak Springs is a noted health resort and is the place that Bishop Vincent selected twenty-five years ago for the West Florida Chautauqua. The breaking of ties of friendship in Washington county proved a sad time for the children of Mr. and Mrs. Work, but the family is now pleasantly located in Florida. The parents and four of their children, Carl, Earl, Paul and Lola, are members of the Methodist church. The first mentioned has taught his first term of school in Walton county, Florida, while Earl is now in the printing office of his uncle, C. W. Thomas, at Citronelle, Alabama. Mr. Work enlisted in Company K of the First Regiment, Florida State Troops, in 1907. His eldest son, Carl Work, enlisted at the same time and place and in the same company, which was the first on the scene of the street car strike at Pensacola in 1908. On their removal from Iowa the family left behind them many friends in Washington county to whom they are still bound by ties of affection, association and love. The influence and activity of Mr. Work are always upon the side of progress, reform, improvement and advancement and these qualities constitute him a citizen of worth in any community.

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### JOHN MAXWELL AULD, M. D.

Among the native sons of Iowa of whom the state has every reason to be proud is John Maxwell Auld, who in his professional career has made valuable contributions to the science of medicine as the result of his investigation, research and broad experience. He has advanced many ideas, the worth of which professional wisdom sanctions and which, moreover, have stood the test of actual practice. He is not a theorist for his opinions are not of unsubstantial fabric but are built upon the logical deductions of years of active and successful work in his chosen calling.

Dr. Auld was born on the 5th of June, 1855, about six miles south of Crawfordsville, in Henry county, Iowa, where he lived until ten years of age when he removed to Washington county, in company with his parents, George T. and Martha A. (Maxwell) Auld. The mother was born near Cadiz, Ohio, and came of Scotch ancestry. The father was a native of Uhrichsville, Ohio, and in September, 1907, they celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary.

They were pioneers of the western country, fearing not the hardships and labor incident to the establishment of a home on the frontier and unfaltering in their devotion to the land they had come to help make. Moreover Mr. Auld regarded it as the duty as well as the privilege of citizenship to support the political measures which he deemed of greatest value to the country and became an active worker in the whig party while later he was one of the founders of the republican party in Iowa. For a number of years he was recognized as one of the leaders of the party in his section of the state and his district twice elected him to congress. Dr. Auld is the only son of the family but has four sisters: Mrs. Jennie Bailey of Washington, Iowa; Mrs. Annie E. Mintur of Polk City, Iowa; Mrs. Nettie Anderson of Washington, Iowa; and Mrs. Alma Whiteman, of Biggsville, Illinois.

Having mastered the branches of learning taught in the schools of his locality, Dr. Auld continued his education in the academy at Mount Pleasant, Iowa, and also attended the Washington Academy. Determining upon the practice of medicine as a life work he was matriculated in the College of Physicians & Surgeons of Keokuk, now in affiliation with Drake University and was graduated therefrom with the class of 1880. He located for practice in Keota, Iowa, but after a brief period went to the east and spent sometime in study in hospitals and clinics in New York and Philadelphia that he might be still better qualified for the onerous duties of the profession. In 1890 he located in Chicago where he has since been prominently associated with hospitals and has won fame as an operating surgeon. He has always been a student, reading widely and thinking deeply and has been greatly interested in experiments pertaining to food. After leaving college he made a specialty of major surgery and rectal diseases and has become widely known to the laity as well as to the profession as one of the foremost surgeons of Chicago. Unlike many, however, who follow this branch of the profession Dr. Auld discourages rather than encourages operative surgery, a fact which indicates that in all of his practice he has been actuated by a spirit of broad humanitarianism that seeks the good of mankind rather than the promotion of individual financial interests. Notwithstanding this he has been very successful from both a financial and professional standpoint. He was on the staff of the Temperance Hospital for a number of years and served nine years as a faithful attending physician to the Chicago Baptist Hospital. He now conducts his major surgery cases in the Rhodes Avenue Hospital, formerly the Woman's Hospital, which is one of the oldest hospitals in the city of Chicago, established by the late Henry T. Byford; and the National Emergency Hospital. At the former he maintains what is known as the Auld room. He is also a specialist on rectal and intestinal diseases, patients coming to him from all over the world. That his opinions on this branch of the profession are largely accepted as authority is indicated in the fact that he was chosen, and for eight years served, as professor of rectal and intestinal diseases at Harvey Medical College and is now professor of rectal and intestinal diseases and professor of gynecology in the medical department of the Chicago Night University. Patients for treatment in the line of his



specialty come to him from all parts of the country and his practice makes heavy demands upon his time and energies.

Perhaps Dr. Auld's greatest contribution to the world's knowledge has resulted from his investigation of the subject of diet. His study of the science of food chemistry has been the result of his desire to avoid operations for diseases of the alimentary canal. His many years as major operator in Chicago hospitals revealed to him the results of over-eating in the fevers that caused all the intestinal troubles of the human system. Indigestion was the cause of those ailments that had been considered as those which could only be cured by use of the surgeon's knife. The large majority rated in these operations caused Dr. Auld to question the absolute necessity of operations and he set to work to discover some cure that would not demand surgery and some preventive for the diseases. After most careful and thorough investigation he arrived at the conclusion that the preventive is self-restraint in eating and consideration of what and how food is eaten. The cure is a method that he has now perfected and with which he has been astonishingly successful. Students have come to him from all over the world as a result of the fame he has attained in medical science by his methods. It is the dangers of the use of anaesthetics that have made Dr. Auld an opponent of the method that he used for years before he was able to discover a better way. He found on investigation that while the patient might be in a suitable condition and the operator the most skillful the anaesthetic in itself, because of adulteration, might prove fatal. Dr. Auld is convinced that nine out of ten cases of rectal diseases would be unnecessary if the patient would be given proper care in time. They could be averted altogether if the proper method of diet had been observed. He advises less haste in partaking of meals, believes in a vegetable diet, although he does not demand an entire abstinence from meats and also advises that a much less amount of meat be eaten. He thoroughly endorses the Shakespearian statement, "they are sick that serve with too much as they that starve with nothing." The opinions which Dr. Auld has advanced have been generally accepted by the profession and he is looked upon as a leader in a forward movement, the value of which is just beginning to be appreciated but which will become more and more one of the recognized laws of health that cannot be set aside.

Dr. Auld is not unknown as a business man of ability aside from any professional relations and is now interested in the erection of an apartment building on the Lakeshore drive in Chicago at a cost of one hundred thousand dollars.

On the 8th of December, 1875, occurred the marriage of Dr. Auld and Miss Elizabeth L. Love and unto them were born two children: Ralph R. and Bertha E. The mother died September 18, 1900, and on the 10th of September, 1903, Dr. Auld was married to Mrs. Bertha Hax Forman of St. Joseph, Missouri. He is a believer in the Presbyterian faith, to which his parents strictly adhered and is a prominent member of the South Shore Country Club. Politically Dr. Auld is a supporter of the principles of the republican party. He is a highly industrious man, of rigid and sterling integrity, and his honesty of purpose and upright principles have won him the

respect and confidence of every one who knows him. He has achieved a great success in his professional calling through his own unaided efforts and has secured, along with a competence which will afford to his declining years the ease and comfort earned by a long life of toil, his name recorded as a liberal contributor both to medical science and humanitarianism.

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